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1                   **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**  
2                   **TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2001, BEGINS ON PAGE 155]**

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6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
7 SUPERVISORS IS NOW IN SESSION. ASK EVERYONE TO RISE FOR THE  
8 INVOCATION AND FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. THE INVOCATION  
9 WILL BE LED BY DR. KEITH PHILLIPS OF THE WORLD IMPACT  
10 INCORPORATED AND WE WILL BE LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY  
11 JOSE QUINTERO, A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST NUMBER 75  
12 FROM LA PUENTE.

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14   **DR. KEITH PHILLIPS:** WOULD YOU PLEASE BOW YOUR HEADS? ALMIGHTY  
15 GOD, WE PURPOSEFULLY BEGIN THIS MORNING BY ACKNOWLEDGING OUR  
16 DEPENDENCE UPON YOU AND SEEKING YOUR GUIDANCE AS WE SERVE YOU  
17 BY INFLUENCING THE DIRECTION THAT WILL BE TAKEN BY OUR COUNTY.  
18 WE PRAY FOR A HEDGE OF PROTECTION AROUND OUR FELLOW CITIZENS  
19 SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES WHO ARE DEFENDING LIBERTY AROUND  
20 THE WORLD. COMFORT THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES AND BLESS THEIR  
21 EFFORTS. WE ARE TROUBLED BY THE HOMELESSNESS, THE ILL, THE  
22 ADDICTED, THE ABUSED, THE ABANDONED AND THE HURTING RIGHT HERE  
23 IN LOS ANGELES. MAY WE BE AGENTS OF HEALING AND HOPE. MAY WE  
24 HEED THE PROPHET MICAH WHO SAID, "AND WHAT DOES THE LORD  
25 REQUIRE OF YOU BUT TO DO JUSTFULLY AND TO LOVE MERCY AND TO



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1 WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD." MAY YOU, THE GOD OF ALL COMFORTS,  
2 DRAW CLOSE TO THE POOR, THE NEEDY, THE MARGINALIZED AND THE  
3 OPPRESSED AND PROVIDE THEM WITH HOPE IN YOUR EVERLASTING ARMS.  
4 HELP US TO BE ABOVE REPROACH IN OUR PERSONAL AND PUBLIC LIVES  
5 SO THAT YOU WILL BE PLEASED. FATHER, WE PRAY A SPECIAL  
6 BLESSING UPON EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS. GLORIA MOLINA, YVONNE  
7 BURKE, ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, DON KNABE AND MICHAEL ANTONOVICH.  
8 LORD, YOU HAVE GRACED THESE PUBLIC SERVANTS WITH YOUR GIFTS  
9 AND TALENTS THAT THEY HAVE USED TO FURTHER YOUR WORK ON EARTH.  
10 WE ARE THANKFUL FOR WHAT THEY MEAN TO US AND TO LOS ANGELES.  
11 NOW HONOR US WITH YOUR PRESENCE AND RECEIVE OUR THANKFULNESS  
12 FOR ALLOWING US TO LIVE IN THE LAND OF THE FREE. WE PRAY THESE  
13 THINGS IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD, AMEN.

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15 **JOSE QUINTERO:** AMEN. AS YOU PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR  
16 HEART, PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE THAT ARE SECURING OUR FREEDOM AT  
17 THIS VERY MOMENT AND HAVE SECURED IT IN THE PAST. [ PLEDGE OF  
18 ALLEGIANCE ]

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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22 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE DR. KEITH  
23 PHILLIPS WITH US TODAY. HE'S PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD IMPACT, A  
24 CHRISTIAN MISSION ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO MINISTERING IN THE  
25 INNER CITIES OF AMERICA. HE HAS MINISTERED FOR 42 YEARS AND





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1 SIX YEARS HAS SERVED AS CLUB DIRECTOR FOR LOS ANGELES YOUTH  
2 FOR CHRIST. DR. PHILLIPS RECEIVED HIS BACHELORS OF ARTS DEGREE  
3 FROM U.C.L.A., HIS MASTERS OF DIVINITY AND DOCTOR OF MINISTRY  
4 FROM FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND HE IS A NATIONALLY  
5 RECOGNIZED AUTHORITY ON INNER CITY MINISTRIES. AS AN APPROVED  
6 LECTURER, DR. PHILLIPS HAS PREACHED AT NUMEROUS COLLEGES AND  
7 UNIVERSITIES AND IN MANY GREAT CHURCHES OF AMERICA. HE LIVES  
8 IN LOS ANGELES WITH HIS WIFE, KATIE, AND THEIR THREE SONS,  
9 JOSHUA, PAUL AND DAVID. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE WITH  
10 US. [ APPLAUSE ]

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. IT IS INDEED MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO  
15 MAKE A PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO MR.  
16 JOSE QUINTERO. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 75  
17 IN LA PUENTE. HE SERVED AS A SERGEANT IN THE SECOND ENGINEER  
18 REGIMENT OF THE SECOND INFANTRY DIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES  
19 ARMY FROM 1980 TO 1990 AND SERVED IN PANAMA DURING HIS TOUR OF  
20 DUTY. HIS MANY COMMENDATIONS INCLUDE THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT  
21 CITATION, AN ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, THE NATIONAL DEFENSE  
22 SERVICE MEDAL AND AN ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. MR.  
23 QUINTERO ATTENDED NOGALES HIGH SCHOOL AND THE EL DORADO  
24 BUSINESS COLLEGE. HE RESIDES IN LA PUENTE AND WE WANT TO THANK  
25 HIM FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AND OUR NATION.



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1   THANK YOU SO MUCH. SO I WANT TO THANK HIM, I PRESENT HIM BUT I  
2   ALSO WANT TO PRESENT HIS MOM, MRS. QUINTERO, BOTH RESIDENTS OF  
3   LA PUENTE AND THEY'RE VERY, VERY PROUD OF HER SON AS WE ARE.  
4   CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU BOTH VERY MUCH. WE WILL  
7   NOW GO TO THE AGENDA.

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9   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN. MEMBERS OF THE  
10   BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, BOARD OF  
11   SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10. ON ITEM NUMBER 1, SUPERVISOR  
12   BURKE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. LIONEL  
13   COULTER TO THE PROBATION COMMISSION FOR ONE WEEK. THE  
14   REMAINDER OF THE ITEM IS BEFORE YOU. ON ITEM NUMBER 2, AS  
15   INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
16   REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO AUGUST 7TH,  
17   2007. AND, ON ITEM NUMBER 10, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS  
18   THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

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20   **SUP. BURKE:** COULD I HAVE COULTER CONTINUED FOR THREE WEEKS?

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22   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THREE WEEKS.

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24   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, COULTER WILL BE  
25   CONTINUED FOR THREE WEEKS. ITEM 2 WILL BE CONTINUED A WEEK.



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1 ITEM 10 WILL BE HELD. ON THE REMAINDER, BURKE MOVES,  
2 ANTONOVICH SECONDS, WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PAGE 6 THE CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 11  
5 THROUGH 60. ON ITEM NUMBER 16, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED  
6 AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
7 REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM 18, SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
8 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 19, SUPERVISOR  
9 YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 20,  
10 SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 44  
11 THROUGH 49, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE  
12 HELD.

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** WHICH ITEM IS THAT?

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16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 44 THROUGH 49. AND I APOLOGIZE. ON ITEM 32,  
17 THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
18 REFERRED BACK TO HIS DEPARTMENT.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH ITEM?

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT WAS ON ITEM 32. AND THEN ITEM 44  
23 THROUGH 49 WILL BE HELD FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ON ITEM 51,  
24 THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS





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1 ITEM. AND, ON ITEM 57, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THIS  
2 ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINDER OF THE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** KNABE MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS,  
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. WE ARE NOW ON PAGE 25 UNDER SEPARATE  
8 MATTERS, ITEMS 61 THROUGH 66 AND I WILL READ THE SHORT TITLES  
9 IN FOR THE RECORD ON ITEMS 61 THROUGH 64. ON ITEM 61, THIS IS  
10 THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT  
11 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BASSETT  
12 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, 2006  
13 ELECTION, SERIES 2007 IN A AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO  
14 EXCEED 15 MILLION.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOLINA MOVES, KNABE SECONDS,  
17 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 62, THIS IS THE TREASURER AND TAX  
20 COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
21 ISSUE AND SALE OF EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL  
22 BONDS, 2003 ELECTION, SERIES 2007 IN A AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL  
23 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 4,500,000.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE SECONDS,  
2   UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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4   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 63, THIS IS THE TREASURER AND TAX  
5   COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
6   ISSUANCE AND SALE OF PARAMOUNT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL  
7   OBLIGATION BONDS, 2006 ELECTION SERIES 2007 IN A AGGREGATE  
8   PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 35 MILLION.

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10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** KNABE MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS,  
11   UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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13   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 64, THIS IS THE TREASURER AND TAX  
14   COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
15   ISSUANCE AND SALE OF WISEBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL  
16   OBLIGATION BONDS, 2007 ELECTION, 2007 SERIES A, IN A AGGREGATE  
17   PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 20,750,000.

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19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, ANTONOVICH SECONDS,  
20   UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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22   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 65, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
23   BOARD, AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN  
24   MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED  
25   INCREASE IN THE ASSESSMENT RATE FOR COUNTY LANDSCAPING AND



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1 LIGHTING ACT DISTRICT NUMBER 4 AND ZONES THEREIN FOR FISCAL  
2 YEARS 2007/2008 FOR LANDSCAPE AND PARK MAINTENANCE PURPOSES  
3 AND THAT A MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED  
4 INCREASE IN ASSESSMENT RATE AND ADDITIONS OF C.P.I. ADJUSTMENT  
5 COMPONENT FOR COUNTY LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT DISTRICT 2.  
6 AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT  
7 THE NECESSARY RESOLUTIONS ORDERING THE INCREASE IN THE  
8 ASSESSMENT RATE FOR COUNTY LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ACT DISTRICT  
9 4, TERMINATE THE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE INCREASE IN ASSESSMENT  
10 RATE AND ADDITION OF C.P.I. ADJUSTMENT COMPONENT FOR COUNTY  
11 LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT DISTRICT 2 AND ZONES THEREIN AND  
12 REFER THE MATTER BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND  
13 RECREATION AND IMPOSE THE ASSESSMENTS IN DISTRICT 2 AND THE  
14 ZONES THEREIN AT THEIR EXISTING LEVELS.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I WILL SO MOVE. SECONDED BY  
17 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 66 IS BEFORE YOU.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOLINA MOVES, KNABE SECONDS,  
22 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEMS 67 THROUGH 69 AND WE WILL  
25 HOLD THESE FOR A REPORT. MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA



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1 WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE  
2 MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 70-A.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, ANTONOVICH SECONDS,  
5 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 70-B.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, ANTONOVICH SECONDS.  
10 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 70-D.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS,  
15 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 70-D.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, KNABE SECONDS,  
20 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 70-E.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, ANTONOVICH SECONDS,  
25 UNANIMOUS VOTE.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 70-F, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM  
3 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON PAGE 29, NOTICES  
4 OF CLOSED SESSION. ON ITEM C.S.-1 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
5 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND ON ITEM C.S.-2,  
6 COUNTY COUNCIL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK  
7 TO AUGUST 7TH, 2007.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, C.S.-2?

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** C.S.-2.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WILL BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

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15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.  
16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL  
17 DISTRICT NO. 4.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE HAVE PRESENTATIONS, MR.  
20 KNABE.

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
23 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I'D LIKE TO ASK MICHAEL LANSING TO COME  
24 UP AND JOIN ME. AS ALL OF US KNOW, MIKE RECENTLY RETIRED FROM  
25 THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL



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1 DISTRICT AFTER EIGHT YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE. HE  
2 REPRESENTED SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES IN DISTRICT 7, WHICH CONSISTS  
3 OF THE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES OF CARSON, GARDENA, HARBOR CITY  
4 GATEWAY, ALAMEDA, SAN PEDRO, SOUTH LOS ANGELES, WATTS AND  
5 WILMINGTON. DURING HIS TIME IN OFFICE, MIKE FOCUSED ON SEVERAL  
6 AREAS CRITICAL TO STUDENT SUCCESS. THOSE AREAS INCLUDED  
7 INCREASING SAFETY AND SECURITY, IMPROVING EXISTING SCHOOL  
8 FACILITIES, RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING STUDENTS,  
9 TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS, SUPPORT STAFF, PARENTS AND  
10 VOLUNTEERS. AND ALSO PROMOTING JOINT USE PROJECTS AND AFTER  
11 SCHOOL PROGRAMS AT A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS IN HIS DISTRICT. MIKE  
12 HAS EARNED THE RESPECT AND ADMIRATION OF MANY THROUGHOUT THE  
13 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO CHILDREN AND  
14 EDUCATION. HE CONTINUES HIS DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO  
15 CHILDREN OF OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH THE SAN PEDRO YOUTH  
16 COALITION AND THROUGH HIS WORK AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
17 LOS ANGELES HARBOR BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB. SO, ON BEHALF OF  
18 MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT  
19 THIS SCROLL TO MIKE AND THANK HIM FOR A JOB WELL DONE, EIGHT  
20 YEARS OF GREAT SERVICE. BUT FOR THOSE OF US THAT CONTINUE TO  
21 WORK WITH MIKE ON AN ONGOING BASIS, WE ALSO KNOW HIS  
22 COMMITMENT TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND  
23 WE WANT TO SAY A HEARTFELT THANKS FOR THAT AND CONTINUED  
24 SUCCESS. SO, MIKE, CONGRATULATIONS.

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN SAYING CONGRATULATIONS TO MIKE  
2   AND MANY APPRECIATIONS FOR ALL THE WORK YOU'VE DONE. AND, OF  
3   COURSE, YOU KNOW, HE WAS ALWAYS WITH BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB. AND  
4   WE KNOW THAT WE WILL BE WORKING WITH HIM IN THE FUTURE AND  
5   THAT HE DID SUCH A WONDERFUL JOB THERE AT SAN PEDRO BOYS AND  
6   GIRLS CLUB. AND HE HAS SERVED US CERTAINLY VERY, VERY WELL  
7   WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. WE WILL BE WORKING WITH HIM. WE  
8   WISH HIM WELL ON HIS MOVING ON AND WE WANT TO THANK HIM FOR  
9   HIS SERVICE. [ APPLAUSE ]

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11   **MICHAEL LANSING:** FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, AND  
12   ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT. EIGHT  
13   YEARS WAS AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE. I COULDN'T PUT A TIE ON  
14   TODAY. IT WAS TOO HARD TO GET BACK INTO THE SWING BUT I WANT  
15   TO THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR GREAT EFFORTS. I WANT TO  
16   ACKNOWLEDGE SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR HIS SUPPORT OF WHAT WE'RE  
17   DOING AT THE BOYS AND GIRLS' CLUBS. I KNOW EACH OF YOU, IN  
18   YOUR OWN WAY, IS SUPPORTING GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION. I ASK YOU  
19   TO CONSIDER TO CONTINUE TO DO THAT. AND ALSO TO CONTINUE TO  
20   COLLABORATE WITH THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. I  
21   THINK THERE'S GREAT OPPORTUNITIES TO DO THINGS LIKE I KNOW  
22   SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WORKED ON WITH THE HEALTH CLINIC AT ONE  
23   OF OUR HIGH SCHOOLS, WHICH I CAN'T REMEMBER RIGHT NOW. BUT I  
24   THINK THERE'S GREAT OPPORTUNITIES BETWEEN THESE TWO LARGE  
25   ORGANIZATIONS TO IMPROVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN. SO THANK



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1 YOU AGAIN AND THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR ALL OF HIS  
2 SUPPORT. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** NEXT, I'D LIKE TO CALL UP CAROL SUH AND GEOFFREY  
5 WOO, ALONG WITH THEIR PARENTS AND FAMILY. I THINK THEY'RE ALL  
6 GOING TO BE ABLE TO JOIN US HERE. YOU MIGHT SEE A FAMOUS FACE  
7 HERE BEHIND ME, GEOFFREY'S FATHER SO-- BUT ANYWAY, WE'RE GOING  
8 TO HONOR CAROL AND GEOFFREY TODAY FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING  
9 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS. BOTH ARE RECENT GRADUATES OF PALOS  
10 VERDES PENINSULA HIGH SCHOOL AND BOTH WERE NAMED TO THE 2007  
11 U.S.A. TODAY'S ALL U.S.A. HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC ALL-STAR FIRST  
12 TEAM. THEY WERE 2 OF 20 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS NAMED TO THE FIRST  
13 TEAM FROM AN APPLICANT POOL OF OVER 1,200 STUDENTS. ONE OF THE  
14 HIGHLIGHTS OF CAROL'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS WAS THE RESEARCH SHE  
15 CONDUCTED COMBINING NANOTECHNOLOGY AND CANCER DETECTION TO  
16 HELP TO DEVELOP A TINY CHIP FOR DETECTING AND ANALYZING CANCER  
17 CELLS. SOME OF HER OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE BEING NAMED  
18 AN INTEL SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH FINALIST, THIRD PLACE AT THE  
19 INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR, FIRST PLACE IN  
20 BIOCHEMISTRY AT THE CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR. SHE PLAYED VARSITY  
21 TENNIS. SHE INTRODUCED A SCIENCE COMPONENT TO THE PEACE FOR  
22 KIDS PROGRAM. SHE PLANS ON ATTENDING HARVARD UNIVERSITY IN THE  
23 FALL. ONE OF GEOFFREY'S MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS WAS HIS RESEARCH  
24 ON THE MECHANISMS FOR FATIGUE AND DEFORMATION IN CRYSTALS,  
25 FINDING PHOTON EMISSIONS THAT MAY HELP PREDICT MATERIAL



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1 FAILURES IN CRYSTALS. SOME OF HIS OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
2 INCLUDE BEING NAMED A SEAMAN'S COMPETITION REGIONAL FINALIST,  
3 INTEL SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH SEMI-FINALIST, SCHOOL WEBSITE  
4 EDITOR, VARSITY TENNIS, MENTORING MATH STUDENTS FROM MIDDLE  
5 SCHOOL AND GEOFFREY PLANS ON ATTENDING STANFORD UNIVERSITY  
6 THIS FALL. SO YOU CAN SEE, STANDING HERE BEFORE YOU, WE HAVE  
7 TWO VERY SPECIAL YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE AN INCREDIBLE FUTURE  
8 AHEAD OF THEM. WE JUST WANTED TO TAKE TIME TO SAY A HEARTFELT  
9 CONGRATULATIONS FOR THESE ACHIEVEMENTS. WE KNOW THAT THESE ARE  
10 MANY MORE TO COME AND TO SAY THANKS AS YOU TRANSITION FROM  
11 HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE AND TO WHATEVER FUTURE MAY HOLD FOR  
12 EACH OF YOU. SO LET'S GIVE THEM BOTH A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.  
13 [ APPLAUSE ]

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15 **GEOFFREY WOO:** I WANT TO THANK I GUESS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
16 OF L.A. COUNTY FOR HONORING ME AND CAROL FOR BASICALLY OUR  
17 HARD WORK FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL. THANK YOU. I  
18 WANT TO THANK MY PARENTS FOR SUPPORTING ME FOR THESE-- ALL OF  
19 MY LIFE AND THANK YOU GUYS. [ APPLAUSE ]

20

21 **CAROL SUH:** I'D FIRST LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR HAVING US HERE  
22 TODAY AND JOINING US IN THIS AMAZING OPPORTUNITY. THANK YOU,  
23 DON KNABE, FOR HAVING US AND EVERYONE ELSE WHO SUPPORTED US  
24 THROUGHOUT THESE FOUR YEARS OF HARD WORK. AND I'D LIKE TO



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1    THANK MY PARENTS AND FAMILY FOR THEIR SUPPORT, AS WELL. [

2    APPLAUSE ]

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4    **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU BOTH. AND LIKE I SAID, YOU MAY RECOGNIZE  
5    HIS FATHER AS CHARLIE WOO. HE IS THE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE LOS  
6    ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND A VERY SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN  
7    IN OUR COMMUNITY. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY A GREAT CORPORATE  
8    CITIZEN, AS WELL, TOO. CHARLIE, NICE TO HAVE YOU.

9    CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH OF YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** FOR A SPECIAL PRESENTATION, LET ME  
12    RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR BURKE. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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14   **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AT THIS TIME, I'D LIKE TO  
15    CALL FORWARD BARON DAVIS. THANK YOU SO MUCH. ON AUGUST 3RD  
16    THROUGH 5TH, 2007, L.A. STARS WILL HOST MORE THAN 50 N.B.A.  
17    PLAYERS AND CELEBRITIES FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL L.A. STARS  
18    CHARITABLE EVENT WEEKEND HOSTED BY THE BARON DAVIS OF THE  
19    GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS, PAUL PIERCE OF BOSTON CELTICS, AND AND  
20    GILBERT ARENAS OF THE WASHINGTON WIZARDS. NOW, PAUL COULD NOT  
21    BE HERE TODAY BECAUSE, LAST NIGHT, HE WAS CALLED AWAY TO  
22    BOSTON AND GILBERT ARENAS, I UNDERSTAND, IS WITH FAMILY BUT  
23    THEY WILL ALL BE HERE FOR THE EVENT. IT IS UNFORTUNATE BUT OUR  
24    YOUTH ARE OFTEN FACED WITH THE LACK OF PARKS, COMMUNITY CENTER  
25    ACTIVITIES AND VENUES WHERE THEY CAN GO TO HAVE FUN. ABOUT 20



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1 YEARS AGO, N.B.A. LEGEND IRVIN MAGIC JOHNSON CREATED A "MID-  
2 SUMMER NIGHTS MAGIC", AN ANNUAL FUNDRAISER RAISING MUCH NEEDED  
3 FUNDS AND FOR A FOUNDATION AND A COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM TO  
4 PROVIDE HEALTH-RELATED RESOURCES TO YOUTH. IN 2006, THE TORCH  
5 WAS PASSED TO THESE N.B.A. ALL-STARS AND, THROUGH THEIR  
6 INDIVIDUAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, THE BARON DAVIS  
7 FOUNDATION, THE PAUL PIERCE TRUTH FOUNDATION AND ZERO TO ZERO  
8 GILBERT ARENAS FOUNDATION, THE CORPORATION WHICH FORMED L.A.  
9 STARS. THIS YEAR'S EVENT WILL INCLUDE A CASINO-STYLE  
10 FUNDRAISING EVENING OF MUSIC, FASHION ON BEVERLY HILLS RODEO  
11 DRIVE, A COMMUNITY CARNIVAL AND, OF COURSE, THE N.B.A. PLAYER  
12 ALL-STAR GAME AT THE U.S.C. GALEN CENTER. IT IS A GREAT  
13 PLEASURE TO PROVIDE THESE SCROLLS. AND, RECEIVING IT, OF  
14 COURSE, WILL BE BARON FOR THE RECOGNITION OF L.A. STARS AND  
15 PROCLAMATION AUGUST 3RD THROUGH 5TH AS L.A. STARS CELEBRITY  
16 ALL-START WEEKEND THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND YOU ARE  
17 REALLY-- YOU HAVE TO BE COMMENDED FOR NOT ONLY THE THINGS YOU  
18 DO BUT FOR REBUILDING THIS ENTITY THAT HAS GIVEN US SO MANY  
19 WONDERFUL DAYS AND SO MANY WONDERFUL EVENTS AND IT'S SO  
20 IMPORTANT FOR IT TO CONTINUE. AND IT'S NOW IN THE HANDS OF  
21 THESE TREMENDOUS PLAYERS WHO ARE DEDICATED TO MAKE IT A  
22 SUCCESS. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU THE BIG SCROLL FOR THE ALL-  
25 STAR CELEBRITY ALL-STAR WEEKEND. AND I GUESS I DIDN'T TELL HIM



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1 THAT IT'S \$5 MINIMUM FOR TICKETS. YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY THAT,  
2 DO YOU? BUT YOU CAN GIVE THE WEBSITE BECAUSE I GAVE IT WRONG  
3 EARLIER.

4

5 **BARON DAVIS:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BURKE, TO THE LOS ANGELES  
6 COUNTY, ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES STARS, WHICH CONSISTS OF  
7 MYSELF, PAUL PIERCE AND GILBERT ARENAS. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK  
8 YOU FOR RECOGNIZING US AND GIVING YOUR SUPPORT TO YOUNG MEN  
9 THAT ARE TRYING TO DO THE SAME THINGS THAT MAGIC JOHNSON HAS  
10 DONE IN THIS COMMUNITY, TO FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF  
11 GREATNESS, AND TO COME BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY AND REBUILD OUR  
12 COMMUNITY, STARTING WITH OUR KIDS, YOU KNOW, STARTING WITH OUR  
13 ADULTS THROUGH CHURCHES. YOU KNOW, WE WANT TO BE ACTIVE IN OUR  
14 COMMUNITY AND THIS IS ONE OF THE ONE THINGS THAT WE WANT TO  
15 BRING, TO BRING THIS WHOLE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY TOGETHER.  
16 AND, WITH YOUR HELP, WE KNOW THAT ALL THIS IS POSSIBLE AND IT  
17 IS GOING TO HAPPEN. SO THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
24 SUPERVISOR BURKE IS GOING TO BE JOINING ME IN THIS  
25 PRESENTATION. I'M GOING TO ASK OSCAR LARIOS, ANGELICA CARTER





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1 AND SYBIL BRAND COMMISSIONERS, THE CHAIR, ELLEN MONTANO, VICE-  
2 CHAIR HELEN TUTHAFOS, COMMISSIONERS VITO CANELLA, FRANK BOCIO  
3 AND RITA HALL AND JOHN HAMRIGAN AND CARL MOORE. I GUESS  
4 THEY'RE ALL HERE. NO VIOLATION OF THE BROWN ACT, IS THAT  
5 CORRECT? ANYWAY. TO HAVE THE TWO RECIPIENTS OF THE SYBIL BRAND  
6 COMMISSION SCHOLARSHIPS FROM OUR DISTRICTS. SYBIL BRAND  
7 COMMISSION HAS GRACIOUSLY DONATED THESE FUNDS TO PROVIDE THESE  
8 SCHOLARSHIPS TO YOUTH THAT HAVE TURNED THEIR LIVES AROUND. WE  
9 WANT TO THANK THE COMMISSION AND EACH AND EVERY MEMBER FOR  
10 THIS GREAT EFFORT. WE'RE VERY HONORED AND PLEASED TO BE ABLE  
11 TO HONOR OSCAR AND ANGELICA. I WILL BEGIN WITH OSCAR AND THEN  
12 WE'LL HAVE SUPERVISOR BURKE PRESENT IT TO ANGELICA. TELL YOU  
13 WHAT. WE'LL LET THINGS CALM DOWN HERE FOR A SECOND. AND THE  
14 REASON I DO IS BECAUSE WE HAVE TWO VERY SPECIAL YOUNG PEOPLE  
15 HERE TODAY WHO HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB IN TURNING THEIR LIVES  
16 AROUND AND WE WANT TO CELEBRATE THAT. OSCAR ATTENDED LONG  
17 BEACH JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL UNTIL THE TENTH GRADE, WHERE HE  
18 DROPPED OUT AND ENDED UP IN JUVENILE CAMPS FROM THE AGE OF 14  
19 UNTIL 18. WHILE HE WAS AT CAMP GONZALES, HE ENROLLED IN THE  
20 STUDENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM, WHICH IS WHERE OSCAR  
21 BEGAN TO TAKE COLLEGE COURSES ONLINE AND REALIZED THAT HE HAD  
22 THE POTENTIAL TO SUCCEED IN SCHOOL. UPON HIS RELEASE IN  
23 SEPTEMBER OF 2006, HE IMMEDIATELY ENROLLED IN A CULINARY ARTS  
24 PROGRAM. HE IS ATTENDING LOS ANGELES TRADE TECH COLLEGE FULL-  
25 TIME AND IS WORKING BOTH ON THE CAMPUS AND A RESTAURANT IN



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1 LONG BEACH. OSCAR COMES FROM A SINGLE PARENT HOUSEHOLD AND HAS  
2 BECOME A FINANCIAL PROVIDER FOR HIS MOTHER AND YOUNGER  
3 BROTHER. HE HAS MAINTAINED A B AVERAGE AND HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED  
4 FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND WILLINGNESS TO LEARN THE CULINARY ARTS  
5 FIELD. THE SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE COMMISSION WILL ASSIST OSCAR  
6 TO PURSUE HIS EDUCATIONAL GOAL AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, HIS GOAL  
7 OF ONE DAY OPENING UP HIS OWN RESTAURANT. SO, ON BEHALF OF THE  
8 BOARD AND ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION, OSCAR, WE'D LIKE TO  
9 PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO YOU AND SAY NOT ONLY CONGRATULATIONS  
10 BUT WE WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS, WHICH HAS BEEN AN  
11 INCREDIBLE EFFORT UP TO NOW. CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

12

13 **OSCAR LARIOS:** THANK YOU. [ LAUGHTER ] [ APPLAUSE ]

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** JUST A SECOND, YVONNE.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** OSCAR, ON BEHALF OF THE SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION, WE  
18 WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS CHECK. [ APPLAUSE ]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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22 **SUP. BURKE:** YES, I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ANGELICA CARTER. [  
23 APPLAUSE ]

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** ANGELICA IS AN EXCELLENT STUDENT ATTENDING LOS  
2   ANGELES TRADE TECHNICAL COLLEGE MAJORING IN THE LIBERAL ARTS  
3   FIELD AND IS ASPIRING TO BECOME A PUBLIC DEFENDER TO ASSIST  
4   THE RIGHTS OF FOSTER YOUTH AND THOSE WHO ARE DEDICATED. SHE  
5   HAS DEDICATED HERSELF TO THE 21ST CENTURY, A PROGRAM ASSISTING  
6   MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND HAS BEEN AN INSPIRATION TO HER  
7   PEERS. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I WANT TO THANK  
8   YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATED SERVICE AND WISH YOU SUCCESS. AND  
9   CONGRATULATIONS ON 21ST CENTURY AND CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK.  
10  COME UP HERE SO WE CAN PRESENT THIS. [ APPLAUSE ]

11

12  **ANGELICA CARTER:** I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR  
13  RECOMMENDING ME, SYBIL BRAND, CITY OF LOS ANGELES, TRADE TECH  
14  AND INSIDE OUT READERS' PROGRAM AND MY MOM. THANK YOU. [  
15  APPLAUSE ]

16

17  **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF THE SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION, I WOULD LIKE  
18  TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS CHECK TO HELP YOU OUT. THANK YOU. [  
19  APPLAUSE ]

20

21  **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT, WE'LL DO A GROUP PICTURE HERE WITH THE  
22  COMMISSION AND BOTH THE RECIPIENTS.

23

24  **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WANT ME OUT OF THE WAY? [  
25  APPLAUSE ]



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD  
5 STEVEN GOLIGHTLY, DIRECTOR OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES. THE  
6 MONTH OF AUGUST HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS  
7 MONTH. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES  
8 DEPARTMENT IS THE LARGEST LOCALLY OPERATED CHILD SUPPORT  
9 AGENCY IN THE NATION, MANAGING APPROXIMATELY 500,000 CASES,  
10 REPRESENTING 26 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD.  
11 IN 2006, CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES COLLECTED OVER \$495 MILLION IN  
12 SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF L.A. COUNTY. THE  
13 DEPARTMENT EMPLOYS OVER 1,900 DEDICATED CHILD SUPPORT  
14 PROFESSIONALS AND HANDLES 4 MILLION CALLS ANNUALLY AND 10,000  
15 WALK-IN VISITORS MONTHLY. C.S.S. HAS DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED  
16 AN OUTSTANDING OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS  
17 MONTH 2006, RECEIVING THE NATIONAL CHILD SUPPORT ASSOCIATION  
18 N.C.E.S.A. 2007 EXCELLENT AWARD. IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE  
19 THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY  
20 PROCLAIMS THE MONTH OF AUGUST AS "CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS  
21 MONTH" IN L.A. COUNTY AND COMMENDS THE CHILD SUPPORT  
22 DEPARTMENT FOR ALL OF THEIR EXCELLENT SERVICE AND IMPROVING  
23 THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.  
24 CONGRATULATIONS. YOU'VE GOT A GREAT TEAM HERE AND YOU DO SUCH  
25 A GREAT JOB. [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **STEVE GOLIGHTLY:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE.

3 AUGUST TRADITIONALLY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED NATIONALLY AS CHILD

4 SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH. THIS YEAR IN L.A. COUNTY, OUR THEME

5 IS ENRICHING LIVES ONE FAMILY A TIME. WE HAVE OVER 50 EVENTS

6 PLANNED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST TO

7 HIGHLIGHT THE FACT THAT WE BELIEVE THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE

8 PARENTS BEAR A RESPONSIBILITY TO THEIR CHILDREN, BOTH

9 FINANCIALLY AND EMOTIONALLY. JOINING ME TODAY ARE MEMBERS OF

10 MY EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM, AS WELL AS TWO OTHER VERY

11 SPECIAL GUESTS, REGGIE BRASS WHO IS THE C.E.O. OF A FATHER'S

12 RIGHTS ADVOCACY GROUP CALLED, "MY CHILD SAYS DADDY" IS WITH US

13 THIS MORNING AS WELL AS MARIA TORTORELLI, WHO IS THE FAMILY

14 LAW FACILITATOR FOR THE SUPERIOR COURT. BOTH MARIA AND REGGIE

15 ARE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF OUR CHILD SUPPORT ADVISORY BOARD. I'D

16 LIKE TO THANK THEM FOR JOINING US THIS MORNING FOR THEIR

17 SUPPORT AND ALSO FOR THE SUPPORT OF THIS ENTIRE BOARD FOR ALL

18 THE WORK THAT WE ENGAGE IN EVERY DAY ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN AND

19 FAMILIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE ONE FINAL PRESENTATION. I'D LIKE TO CALL

22 FORWARD ALEXIS PADILLA, ERIE FRENCH, JEFFERY WASHINGTON AND

23 RAYMUNDO VILLASENOR, COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,

24 ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND OSCAR ESPINOSA AND PHILIP

25 GURLACH, TEACHERS AND ADVISORS. THESE TEAM MEMBERS FROM THE



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1 COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL, WON  
2 FIRST PLACE AT THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MATHEMATICS ENGINEERING  
3 SCIENCE ACHIEVEMENT MESA NATIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN  
4 COMPETITION IN JUNE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AND THEY  
5 REALLY DESERVE A BIG HAND FOR THAT. [ APPLAUSE ]

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** THE THREE-DAY COMPETITION FEATURED OUTSTANDING  
8 MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL TEAMS FROM 8 STATES. THE CONTEST WAS  
9 DEVELOPED TO TEST STUDENT CREATIVITY, WHILE TESTING THEIR  
10 COMMAND OF PHYSICS AND MATH PRINCIPLES. THE OBJECTIVE WAS TO  
11 DESIGN A TREBUCHET, A CATAPULT DEVICE THAT COULD PERFORM TWO  
12 DISTINCT TASKS: ONE, HIT A TARGET WITH A PROJECTILE AT 6.25  
13 METERS AND AT 10 METERS AND, TWO, THROW A PROJECTILE THE  
14 FARTHEST DISTANCE. IN ADDITION, THE TEAM HAD TO WRITE A 10 TO  
15 15-PAGE TECHNICAL PAPER, CREATING AN ACADEMIC DISPLAY BOARD  
16 AND PRESENT AN ORAL PRESENTATION TO A PANEL OF JUDGES. THE  
17 PROGRAM IS ADMINISTERED BY THE U.C. IRVINE MESA SCHOOL  
18 PROGRAM. SINCE 1907, MESA'S ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAM HAS  
19 SUPPORTED EDUCATION IN DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS SO THEY CAN  
20 EXCEL IN MATH AND SCIENCE STUDIES AND GRADUATE WITH  
21 BACCALAUREATE DEGREES IN MATH AND SCIENCE-BASED FIELDS. IT IS  
22 WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PROVIDE THESE SCROLLS TO THE  
23 ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL MESA TEAM OF THE COMPTON UNIFIED  
24 SCHOOL DISTRICT AS WINNERS OF THE 7TH ANNUAL MATHEMATICAL





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1 ENGINEERING SCIENCE ACHIEVEMENT NATIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN  
2 COMPETITION AND, FIRST, TO JEFFREY WASHINGTON. [ APPLAUSE ]

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** RAYMUNDO VILLASENOR. [ APPLAUSE ]

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6 **SUP. BURKE:** OSCAR ESPINOSA. [ APPLAUSE ]

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** HE GETS RECOGNIZED. HE TAUGHT YOU. PHILIP GURLACH?  
9 COULDN'T MAKE IT. ALEX PADILLA.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** MAY I TAKE IT ON BEHALF OF THE PRINCIPAL?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** OH, SURE. ABSOLUTELY FOR THE PRINCIPAL. OKAY. THE  
14 PRINCIPAL IS GOING TO TAKE IT FOR HIM. AND ALEX PADILLA. ERIE  
15 FRENCH. AND, TOO, THE DIRECTOR, I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD FOR  
16 THE ROOSEVELT TEAM, MARVIN MALDONADO REPRESENTS THE MESA  
17 PROGRAM AND HE'S WITH US HERE TODAY. [ LAUGHTER ]

18

19 **ERIE FRENCH:** ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK  
20 ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND THIS RECOGNITION. WE, OF  
21 COURSE, KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR VICTORY, AS IT HAS ALREADY  
22 CHANGED OUR LIVES DRASTICALLY. IT HAS CHANGED OUR LIVES MAINLY  
23 IN THE SENSE THAT IT HAS BROKEN DOWN STEREOTYPICAL BARRIERS  
24 THAT WERE PLACED UPON US EVEN BEFORE WE WERE BORN AND MAYBE,  
25 JUST MAYBE, WE ARE HOPING THAT WE CAN BREAK DOWN THE SAME



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1 BOUNDARIES IN SOMEONE ELSE'S LIFE. AND WE REALIZE THAT THE SKY  
2 IS NO LONGER THE LIMIT FOR US. BUT NOT ONLY US, OTHERS. BUT  
3 WE'RE HOPING THAT, THROUGH OUR VICTORY, WE CAN HELP OTHERS  
4 REALIZE THAT THE SKY IS NO LONGER THE LIMIT FOR THEM, EITHER.  
5 AND ONCE AGAIN, ON BEHALF OF US, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF  
6 YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND THIS RECOGNITION. [ APPLAUSE ]

7

8 **PRINCIPAL WHITE:** YES, ON BEHALF OF COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL  
9 DISTRICT, AS PRINCIPAL WHITE, PRINCIPAL OF ROOSEVELT MIDDLE  
10 SCHOOL, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS SUPPORTING US.  
11 THANK YOU FOR THE SUCCESS OF OUR STUDENTS. THANK YOU TO MESA  
12 AND THANK YOU TO MR. ESPINOSA AND MR. GURLOCH, WE REALLY DO  
13 APPRECIATE THE HONOR. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

14

15 **SPEAKER:** WELL, AS THE TEACHER ADVISER FOR THESE STUDENTS, THEY  
16 REALLY WORKED HARD TO ACHIEVE THIS. AND THIS JUST PROVES THAT  
17 ANY STUDENTS CAN ACHIEVE IF THEY JUST GET THE RESOURCES THAT  
18 THEY THEY NEED FROM THEIR TEACHER, THEIR PARENTS, THE  
19 PRINCIPAL AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. SO THIS JUST SHOWS WHAT CAN  
20 HAPPEN IF STUDENTS GET WHAT THEY NEED.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF THE U.C. IRVINE MESA PROGRAM, I WOULD  
2 ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE COUNTY, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR  
3 THIS RECOGNITION FOR THE TEAM. IT'S REALLY ALL OF THE WORK OF  
4 THE TEAM AND OF THE ADVISORS AND WE'RE JUST HERE TO HELP. AND  
5 I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS MENTIONED BUT THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR  
6 IN A ROW THAT ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL WINS THIS COMPETITION,  
7 SO IT'S ESPECIALLY GRATIFYING TO SEE COMPTON CONTINUING TO  
8 SHINE IN A POSITIVE LIGHT. AND, ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY  
9 MUCH AND THANK YOU, EVERYONE UP HERE. [ APPLAUSE ]

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. CONGRATULATIONS. THAT  
12 CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS A LITTLE TOUGHIE, WHO IS A 2-YEAR-OLD  
17 LITTLE BOY, POMERANIAN MIX WHO IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. ANYBODY  
18 IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE TOUGHIE. YOU  
19 CAN CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER (562) 728-4644 OR ANYBODY IN THE  
20 AUDIENCE? I'M SURE ONE OF OUR CAMERA MEN WOULD LIKE PERHAPS TO  
21 TAKE LITTLE TOUGHIE HOME? HUH?

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** TOUGHIE IS CUTE.

24



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE'S VERY ALERT AND VERY ANXIOUS TO FIND A  
2   LOVING HOME, COMPANION TO WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT HIM.  
3   PERHAPS YOU COULD TAKE HIM BACK TO SCHOOL? SO, ANYWAY, TOUGHIE  
4   IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. BILL? THIS IS OUR WELCOME GIFT TO YOU.

5   [ LAUGHTER ]

6

7   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN CHINESE AND LET'S SAY <INAUDIBLE> HE GOT  
8   RESCUED? I'M SURE YOUR RESCUE DOG WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A FRIEND.  
9   ANYWAY, LITTLE TOUGHIE IS AVAILABLE. HE'S CUTE. OKAY.

10

11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THAT IT, MIKE? OKAY. SUPERVISOR  
12   MOLINA, DOES SHE HAVE ANY PRESENTATIONS? NO PRESENTATIONS. SO,  
13   SACHI, DID YOU WANT TO MAKE A CORRECTION?

14

15   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES, ON ITEM C.S.-- ON THE CLOSED-- THE  
16   NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, C.S.-2 WILL ACTUALLY BE HEARD  
17   TODAY. IT'S ITEM C.S.-3 THAT COUNTY COUNSEL WOULD LIKE TO  
18   CONTINUE ONE WEEK TO AUGUST 7TH, 2007.

19

20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

21

22   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

23

24   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND C.S.-2 WILL BE RESTORED BACK  
25   TO THE CLOSED SESSION.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MR. CHAIR?

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. KNABE.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** I WILL START WITH MY ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF ALL, I  
11 MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF AUBURN BUELL, WHO PASSED  
12 AWAY ON JULY 26TH. HE WILL BE MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND  
13 FRIENDS. BELOVED FATHER, GOOD FRIEND OF DELORES. ALSO WE  
14 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM ARTHUR FASOLI, THE LAST SURVIVING  
15 ORIGINAL OWNER OF MICKEY'S LIQUOR AND DELI IN HERMOSA BEACH  
16 WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. HE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN LOS  
17 ANGELES. HE WAS A STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT AND ATTAINED RANK OF  
18 MAJOR GENERAL IN JUNIOR R.O.T.C. HE ATTENDED PASADENA CITY,  
19 SERVED IN THE COAST GUARD. HE'S SURVIVED BY WIFE, JUSTINA,  
20 SONS, PAUL AND BILL, TWO GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE GREAT-  
21 GRANDSON. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARTIN GRANADO  
22 JR., A WHITTIER CONSTITUENT WHO DIED FROM INJURIES SUFFERED  
23 AFTER BEING STRUCK BY AN ALLEGED DRUNK DRIVER. HE WAS ONLY 15  
24 YEARS OLD. MARTIN WAS TO HAVE BECOME ONE OF THE 14 CAPTAINS  
25 FOR THE J.V. TEAM FOR CAL HIGH'S FOOTBALL TEAM. HE WAS



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1   SELECTED AS A STARTING LINEBACKER AND BACKUP QUARTERBACK AND  
2   ONE OF HIS FAVORITE PASTIMES WAS WATCH U.S.C. FOOTBALL ON T.V.  
3   WITH HIS DAD. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, OLDER BROTHER AND  
4   TWO SISTERS. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM AND  
5   PARTICULARLY FOR HIS GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. ALSO ADJOURN IN  
6   MEMORY OF A GOOD FRIEND, CHARLES LANE, A LONG BEACH RESIDENT  
7   AND PHILANTHROPIST WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89. HE WAS A  
8   REALTOR AND FOUNDER OF EQUITY BROKERS, WHICH HE STARTED IN  
9   1966, PROMOTING THE WATERFRONT PROPERTIES OF NAPLES AND  
10   TREASURE ISLAND. HE WAS VERY ACTIVE WITH MANY LOCAL  
11   ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, THE LONG BEACH  
12   YOUTH HOME, INTERNATIONAL CITY THEATER AND THE LONG BEACH  
13   LIBRARY FOUNDATION. HE WAS RECENTLY INDUCTED INTO THE LONG  
14   BEACH CITY COLLEGE ALUMNI HALL OF FAME. HE WAS KNOWN AS A VERY  
15   QUIET GENTLEMAN WITH LOTS OF INTEGRITY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
16   WIFE, JEAN, AND WILL BE MISSED BY MANY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN  
17   IN MEMORY OF NAVY HOSPITALMAN DANIEL S. NOBLE, WHO WAS KILLED  
18   IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN IRAQ ON JULY 24TH. HE WAS A RESIDENT OF  
19   WHITTIER. HE WAS ONLY 21 YEARS OLD. NOBLE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE  
20   FIRST MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE PACIFIC AND WAS  
21   BASED OUT OF CAMP PENDLETON. OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE AND  
22   SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ALSO THAT WE  
23   ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF QUENTIN THELEN, THE OWNER OF ONE OF SOUTH  
24   BAY'S BEST KNOWN RESTAURANTS, WHO PASSED AWAY OF CANCER  
25   RECENTLY. HE OWNED THE RESTAURANT CALLED "THE MERMAID." BORN





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1 IN 1921, HE SERVED AS A PILOT DURING WORLD WAR II. HE SERVED  
2 ON THE HERMOSA BEACH CITY COUNCIL, SERVING AS MAYOR TWICE BACK  
3 IN THE '60S. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SONS, MICHAEL, LARRY AND  
4 TERREL, DAUGHTERS, AMY AND MIA, STEPDAUGHTER, DIANA, AND FIVE  
5 GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'M GOING TO CALL UP ITEM 69 FIRST.  
10 I BELIEVE YOU HAVE SOME FOLKS HERE ON THAT PARTICULAR ITEM.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. KNABE, FOR TAKING  
13 THAT ITEM FIRST BECAUSE...

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15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IF I COULD SWEAR EVERYBODY IN. THIS IS A  
16 PUBLIC HEARING. SO ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY AT THE BOARD  
17 TODAY, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN.  
18 IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU  
19 SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING  
20 BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD? YOU MAY BE SEATED. THANK YOU.  
21 ON ITEM 69, AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD,  
22 THIS IS THE DE NOVO HEARING ON CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND OAK  
23 TREE PERMIT CASE NUMBERS 97-178-3, INVESTING TENTATIVE TRACT  
24 MAP CASE NUMBER 52419-3, AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
25 TO AUTHORIZE THE REMOVAL OF 21 OAK TREES, INCLUDING TWO



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1 HERITAGE OAKS AND ENCROACHMENT INTO THE PROTECTED ZONE OF 11  
2 OAK TREES, INCLUDING THREE HERITAGE OAKS AND TO CREATE 66  
3 SINGLE-FAMILY LOTS, FIVE OPEN-SPACE LOTS, SIX LANDSCAPE LOTS  
4 AND TWO PUBLIC FACILITY LOTS ON 320.3 GROSS ACRES LOCATED EAST  
5 AND WEST OF KANAN ROAD AND CORNELL ROAD IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
6 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS,  
7 MALIBU ZONE DISTRICT, APPLIED FOR BY HALLADAY & MIM MACK,  
8 INCORPORATED ON BEHALF OF THE SAGE COMMUNITY GROUP. THERE IS A  
9 DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THERE IS A DEPARTMENT  
12 PRESENTATION. AND I JUST WANT TO SET THE STAGE HERE. THE  
13 APPLICANT HAS REQUESTED TO BE HERE, OBVIOUSLY, AND WE HAVE  
14 ABOUT 15 OR 16 PEOPLE IN OPPOSITION WHO WANT TO BE HEARD. MY  
15 RECOMMENDATION WILL BE TO HAVE 15 MINUTES ON BOTH SIDES  
16 BECAUSE I THINK THE APPLICANT WANTED TO MAKE A VIDEO  
17 PRESENTATION. THEY DO NOT HAVE TO TAKE THE ENTIRE 15 MINUTES  
18 BUT IT WILL AT LEAST GIVE PEOPLE ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE TO HAVE  
19 2 MINUTES EACH AND EVERYBODY WILL GET A CHANCE TO BE HEARD.  
20 AND THAT WILL BE IT. THERE WILL BE NO EXTENSIONS. THAT WILL BE  
21 MY RECOMMENDATION. FIRST, LET'S HAVE THE STAFF PRESENTATION.  
22 THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUSAN TAE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SUSAN TAE AND I'M A  
25 SUPERVISING REGIONAL PLANNER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL



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1 PLANNING. I HAVE WITH ME THIS MORNING MR. PAUL MCCARTHY, ALSO  
2 WITH REGIONAL PLANNING, AS WELL AS MR. DENNIS HUNTER FROM  
3 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. MR. LARRY HENSLEY FROM OUR PARKS  
4 AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT IS ALSO PRESENT THIS MORNING. THIS  
5 MORNING IS A CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING FOR A RESIDENTIAL  
6 SUBDIVISION PROJECT KNOWN AS TRIANGLE RANCH. THE FIRST HEARING  
7 FOR THE APPEALED PROJECT WAS HELD ON MARCH 27TH, 2007, AT  
8 WHICH TIME YOUR BOARD TOOK TESTIMONY FROM THE APPLICANT AS  
9 WELL AS THE PUBLIC. YOUR BOARD THEN DIRECTED THE APPLICANT TO  
10 INCORPORATE A NUMBER OF CHANGES TO THE PROJECT AND RETURN TO  
11 SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW. THE PROJECT BEFORE YOU THIS  
12 MORNING PROPOSES 61 SINGLE-FAMILY LOTS, A REDUCTION OF 5 UNITS  
13 FROM THE PREVIOUS DESIGN. THE REVISED PROJECT ALSO RESULTS IN  
14 4 LESS OAK TREE REMOVALS AND ONE LESS ENCROACHMENT, AS WELL AS  
15 AN OVERALL GRADING REDUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 85,000 CUBIC  
16 YARDS. THE PROJECT IS DESIGNED IN FOUR GENERAL CLUSTERS:  
17 NORTHERLY AND SOUTHERLY WEST OF KANAN BETWEEN KANAN AND  
18 CORNELL ROADS AND EAST OF CORNELL. THE PROJECT SITE EAST OF  
19 CORNELL ALSO CONTAINS A SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA. THE  
20 PROJECT BEFORE YOU THIS MORNING HAS FOLLOWED THE BOARD'S  
21 DIRECTION, WITH CHANGES INCLUDING ELIMINATION OF RETAINING  
22 WALLS DIRECTLY ALONG DESIGNATED SCENIC KANAN AND CORNELL  
23 ROADS. IMPACTS TO THE ENDANGERED AND THREATENED ENDANGERED  
24 SPECIES ONSITE HAVE ALSO BEEN ELIMINATED WHILE THE OVERALL  
25 GRADING FOOTPRINT HAS BEEN REDUCED, WHICH RESULTS IN LESS



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1 URBAN RUNOFF. HERBOUS AREAS, INCLUDING GRASS LINED DRIVEWAYS,  
2 HAVE ALSO BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE PROJECT TO ALLOW MORE  
3 WATER INFILTRATION ON SITE. A REVISED FUEL MODIFICATION PLAN,  
4 WHICH HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY THE COUNTY FORESTER, CONTAINS SITE-  
5 SPECIFIC FUEL MOD STANDARDS, INCLUDING LIMITED REMOVAL WITHIN  
6 THE RIPARIAN HABITAT NEAR MEDEA CREEK, AND EXCLUSION ZONES  
7 WITHIN THE RESOURCE HABITAT OF LYON'S PENTACHAETA AND SANTA  
8 MONICA MOUNTAINS DUDLEYA. D STREET, WHICH SERVES THE PROJECT  
9 BETWEEN KANAN AND CORNELL, HAS ALSO BEEN SHORTENED AND MOVED  
10 FURTHER SOUTH TO AVOID AN URBAN STYLE INTERSECTION WITH KANAN  
11 ROAD. SEVERAL FLOOD CONTROL ACCESS ROADS HAVE ALSO BEEN  
12 ELIMINATED AS NO LONGER NECESSARY AND THE APPLICANT HAS  
13 SUBMITTED DESIGN AND LANDSCAPING GUIDELINES WHICH WILL  
14 REGULATE THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF HOMES WITHIN THE PROJECT.  
15 THE AMOUNT OF GRADING HAS BEEN REDUCED, AS WELL AS THE GRADING  
16 FOOTPRINT AND RURAL ROAD STANDARDS HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED FOR  
17 ALL INTERIOR ROADS. IN STAFF'S REPORT, SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS  
18 HAVE BEEN INCLUDED FOR YOUR BOARD'S CONSIDERATION. THESE  
19 INCLUDE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE IN THE DESIGN GUIDELINES TO  
20 ADDRESS CONSISTENCY WITH THE FUEL MOD PLAN, ADDITIONAL  
21 STANDARDS FOR REAR YARD LANDSCAPING, PERMISSION FOR DOWN  
22 LIGHTING ONLY, AND ADDITIONAL LANDSCAPING FOR THE 17-FOOT HIGH  
23 RETAINING WALL ALONG LOTS NUMBERS 1 THROUGH 4. STAFF HAS ALSO  
24 RECOMMENDED THE ELIMINATION OF PLANTS IDENTIFIED AS  
25 INCOMPATIBLE IN OTHER COUNTY LITERATURE IN BOTH THE DESIGN



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1 GUIDELINES AND THE COUNTY FUEL MOD PLAN. STAFF ALSO RECOMMENDS  
2 UPDATING THE FUEL MOD PLAN TO REFLECT LIMITED NATIVE  
3 LANDSCAPING ON INTERIOR SLOPES WITHIN THE PROJECT. THERE IS  
4 ALSO A RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE A DRAFT CONDITION RELATED TO  
5 TRAILS. STAFF AT THIS TIME IS RECOMMENDING A PAYMENT TO COVER  
6 COSTS FOR THE COUNTY TO STUDY, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT THE FUTURE  
7 ZUMA RIDGE TRAIL. LASTLY, UPDATED DRAFT CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN  
8 RECEIVED FROM PUBLIC WORKS WHICH REFLECT SUGGESTED ADDITIONAL  
9 LANGUAGE RELATED TO PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT TRANSITIONS TO  
10 CORNELL ROAD AND LANDSCAPING DESIGN FOR LONG-TERM EROSION  
11 CONTROL. A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED  
12 WHICH INCLUDES RESPONSES TO COMMENTS RECEIVED WITHIN THE  
13 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, IMPACTS TO VISUAL AND BIOLOGICAL  
14 RESOURCES COULD NOT BE MITIGATED TO LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT A  
15 STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS WOULD BE REQUIRED WITH  
16 APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT. THIS CONCLUDES THE PRESENTATION.  
17 STAFF IS AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DOES ANYBODY HAVE ANY  
20 QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME? IF NOT, LET ME ASK THE APPLICANT  
21 FIRST, I HAVE TWO REPRESENTATIVES, STEVE WESTON AND SHIRAZ, IS  
22 IT TANGRI? ALL RIGHT. DO YOU WANT TO PROCEED?

23

24 **STEVEN WESTON:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.  
25 MY NAME IS STEVE WESTON, ATTORNEY FOR THE APPLICANT, SAGE



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1 COMMUNITIES GROUP. WE HAVE A SHORT POWERPOINT PRESENTATION  
2 WHICH WOULD BE OUR PRESENTATION TODAY. LET ME BEGIN BY  
3 THANKING STAFF FOR THE FINE WORK IN ASSISTING US TO REVISE THE  
4 PROJECT TO BETTER MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE  
5 MOTION WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT. AS SOON AS THEY GET THIS  
6 POWERPOINT UP AND RUNNING, I CAN RUN THROUGH THIS VERY  
7 QUICKLY. WE ALSO HAVE COPIES, HARD COPIES OF THE POWERPOINT  
8 PRESENTATION FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. NEXT SLIDE. ALL  
9 RIGHT. WE'VE ATTEMPTED, IN THIS POWERPOINT, WE'RE GOING TO  
10 ADDRESS THE BOARD'S MOTION MADE IN MARCH AT THE HEARING, A  
11 LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE PROJECT HISTORY. WE'RE GOING TO CARRY THE  
12 BOARD AND THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE REVISIONS TO THE PROJECT TO  
13 COMPLY WITH THE MOTION, FINISH UP WITH A FEW OF THE  
14 ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS OF THE PROJECT. THE MOTION CONSISTED OF  
15 10 PARTS. I'M NOT GOING TO READ THEM HERE. THEY ARE A MATTER  
16 OF RECORD BUT THIS IS WHAT WE'RE GOING TO RESPOND TO. LET ME  
17 GIVE YOU A LITTLE OVERVIEW OF THE REVISED PROJECT JUST TO  
18 RECALL THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT THE 101 FREEWAY, AGOURA HILLS,  
19 THEIR SPECIFIC PLAN. THIS IS THE TRIANGLE RANCH PROPERTY AND  
20 THIS IS THE PROPOSED NEW DEVELOPMENT. A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE  
21 PROJECT HISTORY. BACK IN 1996, THE APPLICANT FIRST PROPOSED  
22 139 LOTS. THAT HAS CHANGED OVER TIME. IN '97, PROJECT  
23 APPLICATION WAS FILED FOR 126 LOTS. IN 2002, THE NORTH DAIRY  
24 PLAN WAS ADOPTED AND THE PROJECT WAS REVISED TO BE AS  
25 CONSISTENT AS POSSIBLE WITH THE ZONING OF THE PLAN FOR 108





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1 LOTS. IT CAME DOWN TO 81 LOTS IN 2004 WITH THE DRAFT E.I.R. 71  
2 LOTS WAS THE REVISED PROJECT DESCRIPTION WHICH WAS CIRCULATED  
3 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT IN 2005. 2006, WHEN WE WERE BEFORE THE  
4 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, WE HAD 66 LOTS PROPOSED AND THAT  
5 WAS ALSO THE PROPOSAL AT THE MARCH 2007 BOARD HEARING. WE'RE  
6 NOW LOOKING AT 61 LOTS AND THAT'S THE PROJECT WE'RE GOING TO  
7 TALK ABOUT TODAY. THE PROJECT SITE PLAN BASICALLY HAS CHANGED  
8 A LITTLE BIT. WE HAVE A CLUSTER OF LOTS ALONG KANAN ON THE  
9 SOUTH, ALSO AROUND MEDEA CREEK, THE SOUTHERLY PORTION OF KANAN  
10 AND THE CORNELL AREA. WE'LL TALK ABOUT EACH OF THOSE  
11 INDIVIDUALLY. LET ME NOW ADDRESS THE BOARD'S MOTION AND HOW WE  
12 HAVE ATTEMPTED TO COMPLY WITH IT. FIRST, TO JUST TO SHOW YOU A  
13 BIT, THE PROPOSAL NOW REMOVES THE LOTS AND GRADING ALONG  
14 MEDEA, ALSO ALONG THE SOUTHERLY PORTION OF KANAN AND A LARGE  
15 PORTION OF THE CORNELL SITE, AS WELL AS ACROSS THE ROAD ON  
16 KANAN TO REDUCE THE GRADING AND THE OVERALL SITE FOOTPRINT.  
17 THE MOTION OF THE BOARD, THE FIRST PART WAS TO ELIMINATE  
18 RETAINING WALLS ALONG KANAN ROAD AND OTHER SCENIC CORRIDORS.  
19 WE HAVE TAKEN AWAY THE HIGH CRIB WALL. WHAT YOU CAN SEE HERE  
20 IS WE REDUCED, WE'VE TAKEN AWAY THE RETAINING WALL AND  
21 PROVIDED GRADING AND LANDSCAPING. WE'VE ELIMINATED MANY OF THE  
22 RETAINING WALLS. THE RETAINING WALL ALONG KANAN AND THE  
23 REMAINING WALLS ARE BASICALLY IN THE BACK OF THE PROPERTY TO  
24 PROTECT A SMALLER FOOTPRINT OF GRADING AND NOT GENERALLY  
25 VISIBLE. WE WERE ALSO ASKED TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF UNITS ON





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1 KANAN ON THE SOUTHERLY PORTION. WE TOOK OUT SIX LOTS ALONG  
2 HERE TO REDUCE THE DUDLEYA AND THE PENTACHAETA, TWO ENDANGERED  
3 SPECIES, AND WE LEFT THE FOLLOWING LOTS HERE TO COMPLY WITH  
4 THAT CONDITION. WE WERE ASKED TO PROTECT THE LYON'S  
5 PENTACHAETA AND THE DUDLEYA HABITAT AREAS. I'LL SHOW YOU MORE  
6 DETAIL IN FOUR DIFFERENT SLIDES BUT WE HAVE BASICALLY AVOIDED  
7 ALL DIRECT IMPACTS TO THE LYON'S PENTACHAETA AND THE DUDLEYA  
8 AND INDIRECT IMPACTS AS WELL. THIS IS THE UPPER PART, THE  
9 CLUSTERED AREA ALONG KANAN. NOW, YOU CAN SEE IT'S A LITTLE  
10 DIFFICULT BUT WE HAVE PULLED BACK AWAY FROM ALL OF THE GREEN  
11 AREAS WHICH REPRESENT THE SPECIES. WE HAVE DONE THE SAME ALONG  
12 THE SOUTHERN PORTION. ALL OF THIS IS NOW PROTECTED. NO  
13 GRADING. AND WE'VE PROTECTED DOWN HERE, AS WELL. YOU CAN SEE  
14 OVER IN THE CORNELL SIDE, THIS LARGE PATCH OF PENTACHAETA IS  
15 PROTECTED, INCLUDING THIS AREA, WHICH WAS, IN THE LAST  
16 PROPOSAL, TO HAVE BEEN LOST. I WANTED TO NOTE ON THE SLIDE  
17 RIGHT BEFORE THAT, SINCE THIS LAST BOARD HEARING IN MAY, THE  
18 U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICES ISSUED A BIOLOGICAL OPINION,  
19 CONCLUDING THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT JEOPARDIZE THE LYON'S  
20 PENTACHAETA. WE WERE ASKED TO INCORPORATE CHANGES TO MINIMIZE  
21 WATER QUALITY IMPACTS, PARTICULARLY TO MEDEA CREEK. THE  
22 PROJECT NOW HAS WATER QUALITY FEATURES WITH EACH OF THE MAJOR  
23 ENCLAVES, EITHER WATER CLARIFIERS TO PROTECT WATERS GOING INTO  
24 MEDEA CREEK OR DETENTION BASINS OR BOTH. NOTE THAT THE PROJECT  
25 WILL NOT CONTRIBUTE CONTAMINANTS TO THE MALIBU CREEK WATER



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1 WATERSHED. WE WERE ASKED TO PROTECT THE RIPARIAN HABITAT  
2 WITHIN THE MEDEA CREEK BY MINIMIZING BRUSH CLEARANCE OR  
3 ELIMINATING IT. OUR FUEL MODIFICATION NOW PROVIDES, THE PLAN  
4 NOW PROVIDES THAT ALL OF THE FUEL MODIFICATION IN THIS AREA  
5 HAS BEEN REDUCED; BASICALLY, HAND CLEARING OF DEBRIS AND  
6 DEADWOOD. OUR HABITAT MANAGEMENT PLAN ALSO REDUCES BRUSH  
7 CLEARANCE IN THIS AREA. THIS IS THE CREEK BED THAT RUNS ALONG  
8 HERE. WE WERE ASKED TO RELOCATE D STREET FURTHER SOUTH, IN  
9 ORDER TO CREATE MORE OF AN URBAN STYLE APPEARANCE, TO AVOID A  
10 FOUR-WAY INTERSECTION AND REDUCE THE GRADING. WE MOVED THAT  
11 INTERSECTION 500 FEET TO THE SOUTH. THAT PROTECTED ALL OF THIS  
12 AREA OF MEDEA CREEK FROM GRADING OR ROADWAY. WE HAVE STAGGERED  
13 THE INTERSECTIONS NOW AND WE HAVE REDUCED GRADING IN THIS AREA  
14 ALONE BY ABOUT 6,000 CUBIC YARDS. WE WERE ASKED TO REMOVE,  
15 WHERE FEASIBLE, ACCESS ROADS FOR FLOOD CONTROL NEAR MEDEA  
16 CREEK TO FURTHER PROTECT THE CREEK. WE HAD HAD TWO PROPOSED  
17 ACCESS ROADS. WE HAVE ELIMINATED THEM BOTH. THERE IS STILL  
18 ACCESS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHERS THROUGH SOME STAIRWAYS AND  
19 AN EXISTING ACCESS ROAD. THIS ALSO REDUCED FILLING NEAR THE  
20 SLOPES OF MEDEA. WE WERE ASKED TO PREPARE A BINDING DESIGN AND  
21 LANDSCAPE CONDITIONS FOR THE PROJECT, TO MINIMIZE THE URBAN  
22 APPEARANCE TO TRY TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE EXISTING COMMUNITY  
23 CHARACTER. WE HAVE DONE SO. THE COUNTY GUIDELINES WERE  
24 DISTRIBUTED FOR PUBLIC REVIEW WITH THE FINAL E.I.R. I'M GOING  
25 TO SHOW YOU A FEW PHOTOGRAPHS OF BEFORE AND AFTER TO GIVE YOU



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1 A SENSE OF WHAT WE BELIEVE THE PROJECT WILL LOOK LIKE COMPARED  
2 TO CURRENT CONDITIONS. THIS IS KANAN ROAD LOOKING SOUTHWEST  
3 ABOUT THE A STREET ENTRY. THE BEFORE. THIS IS WHAT WE PROPOSE  
4 TO HAVE IT LOOK LIKE AFTER WE FINISH THE PROJECT. WE'RE NOW  
5 LOOKING SOUTHWEST TO D STREET A LITTLE BIT FURTHER DOWN. THIS  
6 IS THE BEFORE PHOTOGRAPH. THIS IS HOW WE EXPECT IT TO LOOK  
7 AFTERWARDS. YOU CAN SEE SOME OF THE HOMES HIDDEN BACK BEHIND  
8 LANDSCAPING. SIMILARLY, ON THE EAST SIDE OF KANAN ROAD, NOW  
9 LOOKING SOUTHWEST. WE HAVE A BEFORE PHOTOGRAPH AND WE HAVE A  
10 DEPICTION OF WHAT WE THINK IT WILL LOOK LIKE AFTER IT'S  
11 COMPLETE, A FEW HOMES VISIBLE. NOW ON KANAN ROAD LOOKING EAST  
12 OVER MEDEA CREEK, EXISTING CONDITIONS. WHAT WE PROPOSE AFTER  
13 THE PROJECT IS COMPLETE. ON CORNELL ROAD IN THE NORTHERN  
14 CENTRAL AREA OF CORNELL ROAD, LOOKING NORTHEAST, EXISTING  
15 CONDITIONS. AND WHERE WE THINK THE PROJECT AND HOW IT WILL  
16 LOOK AFTER COMPLETED. THE FINAL SLIDE IN THE AREA SOUTH OF THE  
17 FIRE STATION, EXISTING CONDITIONS. AND HOW WE THINK IT WILL  
18 LOOK AFTER IT'S COMPLETED. WE WERE ASKED TO DESIGN THE  
19 DEVELOPMENT TO BETTER MAINTAIN SIGNIFICANT LAND FORMS AND  
20 PROTECT THE NATURAL TOPOGRAPHY OF THE AREA AND REDUCE OFFSITE  
21 GRADING. WE BELIEVE WE HAVE DONE SO. THE 61 LOT PROJECT  
22 RELOCATES UNITS AWAY FROM THE SLOPES PREVIOUSLY DISTURBED  
23 AREAS OR PROTECTING AREAS LIKE HERE, HERE AND HERE. WE HAVE  
24 REDUCED THE GRADING FOOTPRINT AND OVERALL GRADING BY ABOUT  
25 83,000 CUBIC YARDS. AND WE NOW HAVE BALANCED GRADING FOR BOTH



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1 CUT AND FILL. WE WERE ASKED TO PREPARE A RURAL ROAD STANDARD  
2 THAT ELIMINATES CURBS, GUTTERS AND SIDEWALKS. OUR DESIGN  
3 GUIDELINES REQUIRE PROTECTIONS OF RURAL ROAD STANDARDS. WE  
4 ASKED A SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE TO APPROVE AN EXEMPTION FROM  
5 THEM AND THAT WAS GRANTED. THIS IS A MORE DETAILED SLIDE BUT  
6 REALLY IS POINT IS WE HAVE CAREFULLY PREPARED THE DESIGN TO  
7 AVOID CURBS, GUTTERS AND SIDEWALKS. FINALLY, WE WERE ASKED TO  
8 AVOID THE CREATION OF ANY NEW OR INCREASED ENVIRONMENTAL  
9 IMPACTS. THE FINAL E.I.R. CONFIRMS THIS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.  
10 THERE ARE NO NEW ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. THERE ARE NO INCREASED  
11 LEVELS OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR ANY OF THE IDENTIFIED IMPACTS. WE  
12 HAVE REDUCED MOST IMPACTS AS A RESULT OF THIS REVISED SITE  
13 PLAN. NOW, THE DRAFT STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS  
14 PREPARED BY STAFF IDENTIFIES A NUMBER OF FINANCIAL AND  
15 ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS. MY FOCUS WILL ONLY BE ON THE  
16 ENVIRONMENTAL ONES AT ONE TIME. THE MAJOR ONE IS OPEN SPACE.  
17 YOU CAN SEE, OUT OF 320 ACRES, 287 ACRES, ABOUT 90 PERCENT, IS  
18 PRESERVED AS PERMANENT OPEN SPACE TO BE DEDICATED TO A PUBLIC  
19 AGENCY. WELL WILL ALSO FUND A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR LINKAGE TO  
20 THE ZUMA RIDGE TRAIL AND WORK WITH THE AGENCIES TO SEE IF THEY  
21 COULD DETERMINE AN APPROPRIATE ALIGNMENT FOR THAT TRAIL. WE  
22 WERE ASKED TO AND WE HAVE DONE, IMPROVED THE WALTER CREEK OF  
23 MEDEA CREEK, MALIBU LAKE AND MALIBU LAGOON. AGAIN, BECAUSE OF  
24 OUR WATER QUALITY FEATURES, WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THAT. AND  
25 FINALLY IN TERMS OF THE RIDGELINES, VERY IMPORTANT UNDER THE



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1 NORTH AREA PLAN, WE TRIED TO SHOW HERE HOW SMALL THE FOOTPRINT  
2 OF THE PROJECT IS AND HOW REMOVED FROM THE RIDGELINES IT IS.  
3 WE THINK THAT THESE ARE ALL ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS TO THE  
4 PROJECT. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THIS BOARD WOULD ADOPT THE STAFF  
5 REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
6 CONSIDERATION.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. WESTON. I'M GOING  
9 TO CALL FOUR PEOPLE AT A TIME NOW WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK  
10 IN OPPOSITION TO THE MATTER BEFORE US. STEVE HESS, JAMES  
11 DOUGLAS RIDLEY, MARY WIESBROCK, AND MARGARET IS IT KIRPAN? I  
12 BELIEVE YOU WANTED TO CEDE YOUR TIME TO MS. HOLMES. SO IF  
13 THAT'S STILL YOUR INTENT, THEN WE'LL DO THAT, OKAY? COLLEEN  
14 HOLMES, WHY DON'T YOU COME DOWN? MR. HESS, GOOD MORNING.

15

16 **JAMES WRIGLEY:** GOOD MORNING. I'M JAMES WRIGLEY. I LIVE IN THE  
17 GENERAL AREA AND I'M REPRESENTING LAS VIRGENES HOMEOWNERS'  
18 FEDERATION TODAY. IT IS A GROUP OF 2,000 HOMEOWNERS AND  
19 TAXPAYERS, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THAT LIVE IN THIS AREA. AND  
20 WE'RE OPPOSED TO THE PROJECT AND THE 61 HOME SITES. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. WRIGLEY. I  
23 APPRECIATE YOUR BEING HERE. MR. HESS?

24



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1     **STEVE HESS:** I BELIEVE HE WANTS TO GIVE THE REST OF HIS TIME TO  
2     MARY, AS WELL. I'LL BE BRIEF.

3

4     **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SORRY?

5

6     **STEVE HESS:** I BELIEVE THAT JIM WANTS TO CEDE THE REST OF HIS  
7     TIME TO MARY WIESBROCK AND I WILL AS WELL. SO I'LL BE BRIEF SO  
8     WE'D LIKE A FEW EXTRA MINUTES. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS STEVE  
9     HESS, I LIVE AT 28907 [ INAUDIBLE - MICROPHONE MESS UP ] TWO  
10    THINGS I'D LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION. FIRST OF WHICH IS  
11    THAT THE IMPACTS AS INSIGNIFICANT. ESPECIALLY C.E.Q.A. REPAIRS  
12    THAT IN THE EVENT THERE IS AN [ MICROPHONE FIXED ] IMPACTING  
13    ALTERNATIVE AVAILABLE AND IN THE EVENTS THAT THE IMPACTS  
14    CANNOT BE TERMED AS INSIGNIFICANT, THAT THE BOARD MUST SELECT  
15    THAT ALTERNATIVE. AND I PROPOSE TO YOU THAT THAT ALTERNATIVE  
16    IS ALTERNATIVE NUMBER 4. SO I THINK THAT YOU'RE IN A SITUATION  
17    WHERE YOU'RE APPROVING AN ALTERNATIVE THAT HAS NOT REDUCED THE  
18    IMPACTS TO INSIGNIFICANT. SO I BELIEVE THAT'S ONE C.E.Q.A.  
19    ISSUE. SO I PROPOSE TO YOU THAT I THINK YOU MAYBE WANT TO TAKE  
20    A LOOK AT ALTERNATIVE NUMBER 4. AND THE THIRD THING IS THAT  
21    THE GEOTECHNICAL IMPLICATIONS OF REMOVING THE RETAINING WALLS  
22    HAVE NOT BEEN ASSESSED. AND THAT, IN THE EVENT THAT IN THE  
23    ENGINEERING PHASE, WE SEE THAT THOSE WALLS MAY NEED TO BE  
24    REINTRODUCED FOR WHATEVER REASON, I DON'T SEE ANY PROTECTION  
25    IN THE CURRENT PLAN TO KEEP THAT FROM HAPPENING. SO I'M ASKING



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1 YOU, SUPERVISOR AND THE OTHERS, TO PUT SOME TERMS OR SOME  
2 LIMITATIONS IN THE PLAN THAT WILL PREVENT THE RETAINING WALLS  
3 FROM BEING REINTRODUCED AS SOME REQUIREMENT TO SOME  
4 ENGINEERING PHASES THAT MAY HAPPEN LATER ON IN THE DESIGN. SO  
5 I THANK YOU ALL FOR YOU TIME. I'D LIKE TO CEDE THE REST OF MY  
6 TIME TO MS. MARY WIESBROCK.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 25 SECONDS OF YOUR TIME. SO LET ME  
9 UNDERSTAND. YOU CAME HERE LAST TIME AND YOU WANTED AND  
10 COMPLAINED ABOUT THE RETAINING WALLS. WE TOOK THEM OUT.

11

12 **STEVE HESS:** THAT'S RIGHT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NOW YOU WANT US TO PUT THEM BACK  
15 IN?

16

17 **STEVE HESS:** NO, NO, NO. I'D LIKE YOU TO PUT SOME PROTECTION IN  
18 THAT WILL PROHIBIT THEM FROM BEING REINTRODUCED AS SOME NEED  
19 TO ENGINEERING. YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB REMOVING THE RETAINING  
20 WALLS. I'D JUST LIKE YOU TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT'S REINFORCED.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I MISUNDERSTOOD WHAT YOU SAID.  
23 THANKS, STEVE, ALL RIGHT. MARY, YOU'VE GOT A MINUTE AND 25  
24 SECONDS ON TOP OF THE TWO MINUTES THAT YOU'VE BEEN CEDED. SO  
25 3:30.





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2 **MARY WIESBROCK:** MARY WIESBROCK, CHAIR, SAVE OPEN SPACE, SANTA  
3 MONICA MOUNTAINS WHO-- WE REPRESENT 1,000 PEOPLE. I'D LIKE TO  
4 MENTION A MAJOR SIGNIFICANT INCOMPATIBILITY IN LAND USE WHICH  
5 IS NOT MENTIONED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS. ON THE WEST  
6 SIDE OF KANAN, IT VIOLATES THE LAND USE, SANTA MONICA  
7 MOUNTAINS LAND USE MAP. IT ONLY ALLOWS 1.5 RURAL RANCHES ON  
8 THE WEST SIDE OF KANAN. THIS PLAN PUTS 30-- IT'S 30 TIMES THE  
9 DENSITY THAT IS ALLOWED BY THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS ON THE  
10 WEST SIDE OF KANAN. THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WISELY ADOPTED  
11 THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. THIS IS THE  
12 LAND USE PLAN THAT YOU HAVE ADOPTED. ALSO, IN THIS LAND USE  
13 PLAN, IT ALSO PROPOSES THIS AREA TO BE PURCHASED AS PUBLIC  
14 OWNERSHIP. SO I WILL TURN IN THAT MAP THAT SHOWS THAT, IN THE  
15 PLANNINGS OF THIS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA, THIS AREA ON THE  
16 WEST SIDE OF KANAN, WHERE THE LARGEST DENSITY OF HOMES IS, WAS  
17 SUPPOSED TO BE-- AND WE WILL WORK TO GET THIS PURCHASED AS  
18 PUBLIC PROPERTY WITH PARKLAND BONDS. IN THE 1980S, SUPERVISOR  
19 ANTONOVICH, I WAS BEFORE THIS BOARD ASKING THAT YOU NOT ALLOW  
20 PIECEMEAL DEVELOPMENT HERE TO FILL IN THIS SCENIC CANYON.  
21 COUNTY STAFF SAID THIS PROJECT WHERE THEY COULD DUMP MILLIONS  
22 OF TONS OF DIRT AND TAKE DOWN AN OAK TREE WOULD NOT BE  
23 VIOLATING C.E.Q.A. AS PIECEMEAL. IT WAS APPROVED AS A C.U.P.  
24 TO DUMP IN THIS AREA, A SCENIC CANYON ALONG THE MAIN ENTRANCE  
25 TO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TALK TO



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1 GLORIA AND DON AND YVONNE BECAUSE THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS  
2 NOW HAS A PARK LINK THAT TAKES CHILDREN FROM CHURCHES AND  
3 SCHOOLS ALL OVER L.A. TO THIS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA. IT'S  
4 THE BUSIEST IN THE NATION. IT IS FREE. THE PEOPLE AND  
5 RESIDENTS AND CHILDREN OF L.A. VISIT THESE MOUNTAINS. THEY  
6 DESERVE TO HAVE THESE SCENIC CANYONS AND RURAL AREAS PRESERVED  
7 FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. AND, WISELY, THE SANTA MONICA  
8 MOUNTAINS WANTED THIS AREA IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO BE  
9 PRESERVED FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. WHEN ZEV FIRST TOOK OFFICE,  
10 I PRESENTED HIM WITH A MAP OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND  
11 I'D LIKE YOU, ALL FIVE OF YOU TO VOTE NO TO THESE MANSIONS.  
12 THEY'RE MILLION DOLLAR MANSIONS IN THIS BEAUTIFUL AREA THAT IS  
13 THE ENTRANCE TO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, THE BUSIEST  
14 NATIONAL PARK IN THE NATION. PLEASE, LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO  
15 GET PARKLAND FUNDS TO BUY OUT THIS PROPERTY, WHICH WAS MEANT  
16 TO BE PURCHASED AS PUBLIC PARKLAND AT FAIR MARKET VALUE. IT  
17 WILL BE A WIN/WIN FOR ALL. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MARY. COLLEEN, YOU'RE  
20 NEXT. LET ME CALL UP PENELOPE SUESS. CHESTER YABITSU. AND MARY  
21 ALTMANN. COLLEEN, YOU'VE GOT FOUR MINUTES BECAUSE TIME HAS  
22 BEEN CEDED TO YOU.

23

24 **COLLEEN HOLMES:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME  
25 IS COLLEEN HOLMES. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE CORNELL



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1    PRESERVATION ORGANIZATION. I WANT TO FIRST SAY THAT ALL OF OUR  
2    PREVIOUS COMMENTS SHOULD BE REINCORPORATED INTO THE RECORD  
3    TODAY. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO US ALL OF THE PREVIOUS TIMES  
4    AND FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE FURTHER INSIGHT. AFTER  
5    REVIEWING THE SO-CALLED REVISED PLAN BY SAGE GROUP IN RESPONSE  
6    TO ZEV'S MOTION MADE ON MARCH 27TH, 2007, C.P.O. IS SUBMITTING  
7    NEW INFORMATION IN RESPECT TO THIS PLAN AS FOLLOWS. NUMBER 1,  
8    IT APPEARS THAT SEWER CONNECTIONS WILL BE GOING ACROSS MEDEA  
9    CREEK NEAR KANAN AND AGOURA ROAD. WHAT DOES THIS ENTAIL?  
10    DAMMING UP THE CREEK? ARE FISHING, GAME AND ARMY CORPS OF  
11    ENGINEERS APPROVING THIS? WHY WERE WE NOTE SHOWN THIS BEFORE?  
12    NUMBER 2: LOT 34 ON THE LADY FACE MOUNTAINSIDE SHOULD BE A  
13    LANDSCAPED LOT, ALTHOUGH THE DEVELOPER MAKE AN ATTEMPT TO  
14    MODIFY THE PRIOR PLAN BY SAVING SOME LARGER OAKS, LOT 34  
15    CREATES A PROMINENT VIEW SHED LOOKING FROM KANAN AS YOU ENTER  
16    INTO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. IF THIS LOT WERE LANDSCAPED,  
17    THE DEVELOPMENT COULD BE HIDDEN FROM VIEW SHED MORE  
18    CONSERVATIVELY. NUMBER 3, LOTS 1, 2, 3 AND 4 HAVE A 140-FOOT  
19    LONG BY 17-FOOT MAXIMUM HIGH RETAINING WALL AS AN INTEGRAL  
20    PART OF THEIR LOT. IT IS LABELED AS A CRIB TYPE RETAINING  
21    WALL. NOT ONLY IS IT POTENTIALLY UNSTABLE AS CRIB WALLS ARE NO  
22    LONGER BEING ALLOWED IN SOME PARTS OF L.A. CITY BUT IT IS  
23    EXTREMELY UNSIGHTLY. IT APPEARS THAT IT WILL BE SEEN FROM  
24    KANAN, ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT RIGHT ON KANAN. NUMBER FOUR,  
25    LANDSCAPE LOT 70 IS A RELATIVELY UNTOUCHED AREA WHERE,



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1 CURRENTLY, A WILDLIFE CORRIDOR EXISTS. IT IS BEING GRADED AND  
2 WILL LOSE AT LEAST ONE HERITAGE OAK TREE AND SEVERAL OTHER  
3 NATIVE OAKS AND TREES. ISN'T THERE SOMETHING THAT COULD BE  
4 DONE TO AVOID THIS? NUMBER 5. ACCORDING TO OUR ENGINEER MR.  
5 BRAWN, THE GRADING PATHS THAT ARE SHOWN TO OCCUR ON LOTS 46  
6 AND 47, THERE IS A DISCREPANCY OF 27 FEET DIFFERENCE BETWEEN  
7 THE PAD LEVEL AND KANAN ROAD. THE LOTS ARE RIGHT ON KANAN. IT  
8 APPEARS THAT RETAINING WALLS ARE NEEDED AND THEY ARE NOT SHOWN  
9 ON THE PLAN. THIS IS IN DIRECT OPPOSITION TO ZEV'S MOTION OF  
10 NO RETAINING WALLS ALONG KANAN. THIS IS THE MOST SINGLE  
11 INCONSISTENT ITEM ON THE PLAN. HOW ARE WE GOING TO TRANSITION  
12 OR THEY GOING TO TRANSITION FROM KANAN TO THE LOTS WITHOUT A  
13 MASSIVE RETAINING WALL? SIX, THERE ARE SHOWN SEVERAL DRAINAGE  
14 DISCHARGES INTO MEDEA CREEK. RUNOFF SHOULD BE BROUGHT DOWN TO  
15 PREDEVELOPMENT LEVELS AND NO IMPACTS TO CREEK SHOULD OCCUR. 7,  
16 LOT 58 BY FIRE STATION. LABELING OF RETAINING WALL IS NOT  
17 SHOWING MIDDLE SECTION HEIGHT OF RETAINING WALL. ALTHOUGH THE  
18 WALL IS LABELED AT 5-FOOT, THE MIDDLE SECTION, ACCORDING TO  
19 GRADE, WILL BE 8 FEET. ONCE FREE BOARD AND SWELLS ARE  
20 INSTALLED, WALLS BE 8 FEET GOING TO 11 FEET HIGH. AGAIN, IT IS  
21 OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT NO RETAINING WALLS WERE ALLOWED IN VIEW  
22 SHEDS. 8, MEDEA CREEK, THE ENTIRE KNOLL WILL BE SHAVED OFF AND  
23 CUT DOWN BY 19 FEET. THIS WOULD PUT THE HOMES RIGHT AT VIEW  
24 SHED LEVEL. IT DOES NOT SEEM NORTH AREA PLAN WORTHY TO ME.  
25 THIS AREA SHOULD STAY WITHIN THE ALREADY DEGRADED FOOTPRINT



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1 AND TERRACE WORKING WITH THE TOPOGRAPHY AND HOME QUANTITIES  
2 BROUGHT DOWN. 9, STORM DRAIN OUTLET EASTERLY OF LOT 70 IS  
3 SHOWN DRAINING INTO MEDEA CREEK. THIS IS DIVERSION OF DRAINAGE  
4 AND IS REROUTING THE CURRENT DRAINAGE OF THIS ENTIRE AREA  
5 INCLUDING PART OF LADY FACE, EVEN ADDING MORE DRAINAGE FROM  
6 THE LOTS. THIS COULD SEVERELY IMPACT NEIGHBORS CURRENTLY  
7 LIVING ADJACENT TO THIS DRAINAGE OUTLET, CAUSING PROPERTY  
8 DAMAGE. LOTS 60 AND 61 ASSUME TO HAVE INGRESS AND EGRESS ON  
9 CORNELL ROAD. THIS IS A KNOWN BLIND SPOT ON A HILL. FIRE  
10 PROTECTION BUFFER ZONES. I'M GOING TO SUBMIT SOMETHING WRITTEN  
11 BY LIZ FRENCH, WHO IS CEDING HER TIME TO ME, BY THE WAY, ZEV.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I CAN'T DO THAT ANY MORE. I CAN  
14 LET ONE PERSON CEDE TIME, COLLEEN, BUT-- OTHERWISE IT WILL GET  
15 OUT OF CONTROL HERE.

16

17 **COLLEEN HOLMES:** OKAY. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS HAND  
18 SOMETHING IN FROM LIZ FRENCH.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SURE.

21

22 **COLLEEN HOLMES:** WHICH GOES INTO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE  
23 FUEL MODIFICATION BUFFER ZONES THAT I'D LIKE TO INCORPORATE  
24 INTO THE RECORD.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S LIZ, RIGHT?

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3    **COLLEEN HOLMES:** NO. NO, LIZ IS SITTING BACK THERE. UNLESS YOU  
4    WANT HER TO READ IT.

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6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, IT'S ALL RIGHT. WHY DON'T YOU  
7    GO AHEAD AND TAKE A MINUTE AND THEN WE'LL-- GO AHEAD. SHE'LL  
8    CEDE THAT TIME TO YOU.

9

10    **COLLEEN HOLMES:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE FIRE PROTECTION  
11    BUFFER ZONES. THESE ZONES BUFFER SHOULD HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED  
12    INTO THE OVERALL PROJECT FOOTPRINT AND THE DEVELOPER IS  
13    CURRENTLY DEPICTING THIS AS NOT A PART OF THE OVERALL PROJECT.  
14    IT AFFECTS FEDERALLY PROTECTED LYON'S PENTACHAETA, RIPARIAN  
15    HABITAT AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES. OVERALL, CORNELL  
16    PRESERVATION ORGANIZATION IS VERY DISAPPOINTED IN THE FINAL  
17    ATTEMPT BY THE DEVELOPER. WE SUBMITTED A PLAN THAT VALUED THIS  
18    UNIQUE PARCEL WITH ITS UNUSUAL FLORAL, FAUNA AND RIPARIAN BLUE  
19    LINE STREAMS. WE PROVIDED A FOOTPRINT DESIGNED TO NOT FURTHER  
20    DEGRADE AND GIVING THE DEVELOPER PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITY TO  
21    DEVELOP WITH PROFIT. NO ONE WHO OWNS A PIECE OF LAND LIKE THIS  
22    WHO HAS WAITED THIS LONG TO DEVELOP IT SHOULD EXPECTED TO REAP  
23    BENEFITS AS IF IT WERE FLAT LAND. THIS LAND IS MOUNTAINOUS  
24    TERRAIN, HAS LAYERS OF SUPPOSED PROTECTIONS FROM AGENCIES AND  
25    GOVERNMENT THAT HAVE LABELED IT AS RARE. PLEASE MAKE THE RIGHT



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1 DECISION TODAY AND DENY THIS PROJECT, AS THE PLANNING  
2 COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DID. AND I'M GOING TO AGAIN SUBMIT  
3 SOMETHING THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT FROM LIZ.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANKS. APPRECIATE THAT.  
6 PENELOPE?

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8 **PENELOPE SUESS:** WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO SUBMIT MY COMMENTS AS  
9 WELL?

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES, THE CLERK WILL, THE SERGEANT  
12 AT ARMS WILL TAKE IT AND WE'LL MAKE COPIES OF IT FOR ALL THE  
13 MEMBERS. PAUL EDELMAN? WHY DON'T YOU COME DOWN. YOU'LL BE THE  
14 LAST SPEAKER. PENELOPE SUESS?

15

16 **PENELOPE SUESS:** GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS PENELOPE SUESS. I  
17 LIVE AT 30473 MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY. IN TRYING TO COME UP WITH  
18 SOMETHING TO SAY TODAY IN OPPOSITION TO THIS TRACT AFTER SO  
19 MANY APPEARANCES, I LOOKED TO THE INTERNET FOR HELP. AND INTO  
20 THE GOOGLE SEARCH BAR, I TYPED, "YAROSLAVSKY AND DEVELOPMENT"  
21 AND I CAME UP WITH A U TUBE VIDEO OF REMARKS THAT THE  
22 SUPERVISOR MADE ON JULY 21ST TO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL'S GROUP  
23 IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND WHILE THE REMARKS WERE IN  
24 REFERENCE TO THE CITY OF L.A., THEY SEEM VERY RELEVANT TODAY.  
25 AND WE COULDN'T HAVE SAID IT BETTER. SO I'LL LET THE





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1 SUPERVISORS' WORDS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. AND WHAT FOLLOWS IS A  
2 DIRECT QUOTE. "I KNOW THE CONSULTANTS AND LOBBYISTS HAVE  
3 CONTROL OF THE PLANNING PROCESS. I KNOW THE DOCUMENTS, THE  
4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS, THE NOTICES OF PREPARATION ARE  
5 ALL WRITTEN ON THE WORD PROCESSORS OF THE LAW FIRMS AND THE  
6 CONSULTANTS THAT REPRESENT THE DEVELOPERS. THERE'S A SAYING IN  
7 THE LAW, 'HE WHO CONTROLS THE DRAFTING CONTROLS THE OUTCOME,'  
8 AND THAT STANDS TO REASON. SO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE DRAFTING THE  
9 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS, WHO ARE DRAFTING THE DOCUMENTS  
10 PREPARATORY TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS, ALL THE STUFF  
11 THAT THE LAW REQUIRES IS NOT BEING DRAFTED BY PEOPLE YOU  
12 ELECTED OR YOU HIRED TO REPRESENT YOUR INTERESTS, THE  
13 INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY HERE, OF THE COUNTY,  
14 THEY'RE BEING DRAFTED BY THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE FINANCIAL  
15 STAKE IN THE DECISION. A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT OUGHT TO BE  
16 RESPECTED. ONE, THE RULE OF LAW, THE ZONING OUGHT TO BE  
17 RESPECTED. AND, NUMBER TWO, THE DESIGN NEEDS TO BE RESPECTED.  
18 THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO BUILD A PROJECT: THE UGLY WAY, THE WRONG  
19 WAY AND THE RIGHT WAY THAT RESPECTS THE NEIGHBOR. YOU'VE GOT  
20 TO THINK WITH YOUR HEAD, NOT WITH YOUR HEART ON THESE THINGS.  
21 THE HEART IS FOR SOME THINGS. THE HEAD IS FOR THESE THINGS.  
22 YOU NEED TO BE ANALYTICAL AND UNDERSTAND WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES  
23 ARE BECAUSE YOU ONLY GET ONE SHOT. YOU DO IT WRONG, YOU'LL BE  
24 50 TO 100 YEARS BEFORE YOU CAN CORRECT THAT MISTAKE." AND I  
25 THINK THAT THE BOARD NEEDS TO USE ITS HEAD THIS MORNING.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. APPRECIATE IT. THE GOOD  
3 NEWS IS THAT, IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, AS I THINK MOST OF THE  
4 PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY ON THIS, IS  
5 THAT THIS PROJECT HAS AS MUCH COMMUNITY INPUT ON EVERY ASPECT  
6 OF IT AS ANY PROJECT WE'VE EVER BEEN INVOLVED IN. AND THE  
7 PLANNING DEPARTMENT'S STAFF, MY STAFF AND ABOVE ALL THE  
8 CONSULTANTS THAT WERE HIRED BY THE RESIDENTS OF THE AREA HAVE  
9 HAD A TREMENDOUS IMPACT AND INFLUENCE OVER THE DIRECTION OF  
10 THIS PROJECT. THERE IS NO RELATIONSHIP TO THE PROJECT THAT WAS  
11 ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY THE DEVELOPER. SO ACTUALLY THIS IS A--  
12 WHILE YOU MAY NOT AGREE WITH THE OUTCOME, ASSUMING IT IS THE  
13 OUTCOME, IT CERTAINLY COMPORTS WITH THE WAY PLANNING OUGHT TO  
14 BE DONE. THIS HAS THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE COMMUNITY  
15 REPRESENTATIVES ALL OVER THE PLACE ON THIS. SO THANK YOU FOR  
16 QUOTING THAT EXCELLENT SPEECH. NEXT IS CHESTER YABITSU. [  
17 LAUGHTER ]

18

19 **CHESTER YABITSU:** DUE TO THE TIME CONSTRAINTS, I'D LIKE TO CEDE  
20 MY ONE MINUTE TO MR. PAUL EDELMAN.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ONE MINUTE TO MR.  
23 EDELMAN. DID YOU BRING A CHECK FROM THE CONSERVANCY TO BUY  
24 THIS PROPERTY, MR. EDELMAN? BECAUSE WE COULD SOLVE THIS WHOLE



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1 PROBLEM IF YOU PUT THE MONEY WHERE YOUR HEART IS. YOU'RE NOT.

2 MARY ALTMANN IS NEXT. I'M SORRY. MARY, GOOD MORNING.

3

4 **MARY ALTMANN:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TRIANGLE  
5 RANCH IS AN ESSENTIAL RESOURCE TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE CORE  
6 WILDLIFE HABITAT IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. C.E.Q.A. LAW  
7 EXPRESSLY ALLOWS YOU TO DENY ANY PROJECT ON ENVIRONMENTAL  
8 GROUNDS ALONE WITH NO RECRIMINATION TO YOU WHATSOEVER. AS OUR  
9 NATURAL RESOURCES DWINDLE AND THE BALANCE OF NATURE TILTS, WE  
10 FULLY EXPECT THAT SUPERVISORS TO BEGIN FLAT OUT DENYING  
11 PROJECTS THAT WILL IRREPARABLY DAMAGE FOREVER THESE FEW  
12 PARCELS REMAINING FOR THE VIABILITY OF LIFE FOR OUR CHILDREN  
13 AND GRANDCHILDREN. WE NEED A NEW VIEW, A NEW GOAL, A NEW IDEAL  
14 IF WE'RE TO AVOID LEAVING FUTURE GENERATIONS WITH AN  
15 IRREPARABLE WASTELAND. ALMONDSON WAS SAVED. WE CAN SAVE  
16 TRIANGLE, TOO. THERE ARE PLENTY OF QUALITY INDIVIDUALS WILLING  
17 AND READY TO WORK ON THE PURCHASE OF THIS LAND TO COMPENSATE  
18 THE DEVELOPERS IF YOU BELIEVE IT CAN HAPPEN. AND I'D ALSO LIKE  
19 TO MENTION MANY OF US WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE CORNELL  
20 PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION REALLY DISASSOCIATED FROM THAT  
21 ORGANIZATION AS IT WAS ORIGINALLY WAS INTENDED TO BE A VEHICLE  
22 TO SAVE WHAT IS LEFT AND IT TURNED OUT TO BE A VEHICLE TO  
23 COMPROMISE SO I JUST WANTED TO ADD THAT IN BECAUSE YOU SAID  
24 WHAT A GREAT COMPROMISE EVERYTHING WAS AND MANY, MANY, MANY OF  
25 US DO NOT FEEL THAT WAY. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. I DON'T THINK I SAID IT WAS  
3 A GREAT COMPROMISE ON BEHALF OF THE CORNELL ASSOCIATION OR  
4 ANYBODY ELSE. I THINK I RECOGNIZE THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO DON'T  
5 AGREE WITH ANY DEVELOPMENT THERE. THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT  
6 THAT. MR. EDELMAN?

7

8 **PAUL EDELMAN:** PAUL EDELMAN WITH THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS  
9 CONSERVANCY. HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, THE PRESENTATION BEFORE  
10 YOU WAS SUGAR COATING AND WITH THE GOOD SEE PHOTOS AND ALL  
11 THAT. THE E.I.R. SPELLS OUT A MUCH BETTER PROJECT AND THAT  
12 PROJECT IS A COMBINATION OF THE 61-UNIT PROJECT AND THE  
13 ALTERNATIVE 4 IN THE E.I.R. IF YOU ASSEMBLE WHAT THE E.I.R.  
14 SAYS, THAT'S WHAT THE BETTER PROJECT IS AND I'M GOING TO TELL  
15 YOU GUYS WHAT THE BETTER PROJECT IS. TODAY, WE HAVE AN  
16 OPPORTUNITY TO PROTECT THE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA GATEWAY OR  
17 WE CAN MAKE A MOCKERY OF THE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA AND THE  
18 L.A. COUNTY SCENIC HIGHWAY, I.E., KANAN ROAD. AS IT STANDS, IF  
19 THIS PROJECT IS APPROVED AS PROPOSED, WE END UP WITH ONLY 168-  
20 FOOT SECTION OF KANAN ROAD THAT DOES NOT HAVE HOUSES ALONG IT.  
21 ONLY 168 FEET. THAT'S LESS THAN THE LENGTH OF SOME OF THESE  
22 INDIVIDUAL LOTS. THE WAY YOU DO IT IS YOU TAKE OUT THE  
23 SOUTHERNMOST DEVELOPMENT CLUSTER. THEN WE HAVE OVER A QUARTER  
24 MILE OF SCENIC HIGHWAY PRESERVED. SIX UNITS, SIX UNITS, THAT'S  
25 ALL WE'RE ASKING. SIX UNITS MAKES A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A



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1 COUNTY SCENIC HIGHWAY THAT WE CAN BE PROUD OF OR A COUNTY  
2 SCENIC HIGHWAY AND A NATIONAL RECREATION AREA GATEWAY AND A  
3 MAJOR BEACH CORRIDOR ACCESS ROUTE THAT'S RUINED. SO DELETE THE  
4 GREED CLUSTERS I CALL IT. IT'S THIS ISLAND OF HOMES. WE DON'T  
5 NEED THEM THERE. IT HAS NO CONNECTION TO SERVICES OR ANY OTHER  
6 ASPECT OF THE PROJECT, UNITS 46 THROUGH 51. IF YOU NEED 61  
7 UNITS, LET'S ABSORB THEM INTO THE THREE OTHER DEVELOPMENT  
8 CLUSTERS. THE ONLY EXCUSE IN THE E.I.R. FOR NOT DOING IT IS  
9 THAT WELL, OH, WE HAVE TO DO A COUPLE CUSTOM LOTS NOT ON FLAT  
10 PADS IN THE MOUNTAINS TO ABSORB THOSE UNITS. YOU KNOW WHAT?  
11 IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S A GIFT OF PUBLIC FUNDS. ALSO, TOO, IF THEY  
12 SAY THEY NEED BIGGER LOTS, IT'S EASY TO CREATE 10,000 SQUARE  
13 FOOT LOTS, YOU JUST GO UP INTO THE HINTER LAND AND MAKE SOME  
14 OF THE LOT-- PORTIONS OF THE LOTS UNBUILDABLE. BASICALLY,  
15 WE'RE ROBOTICALLY BEHOLDEN TO FLAT PADS IN THE SANTA MONICA  
16 MOUNTAINS AS THIS E.I.R. IS CONSTRUCTED. ESSENTIALLY, IT'S NOT  
17 A CONSIDERATION OF OVERSTATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS,  
18 IT'S A CONSIDERATION OF OVERRIDING THE PUBLIC WELFARE. LET'S  
19 DELETE THESE SIX UNITS. THERE'S STILL VISUAL AND SIGNIFICANT  
20 BIOLOGICAL IMPACTS THAT SHOULD BE AVOIDED PER C.E.Q.A. IF WE  
21 GET RID OF THESE SIX UNITS, THE VISUAL AND BIOLOGICAL  
22 SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS VIRTUALLY GO AWAY. SIX UNITS OF LUXURY  
23 HOUSING SHOULDN'T TRUMP A SCENIC VIEW SHED OF THIS IMPORTANCE.  
24 WOE IS NOT THE ECONOMY TO THIS LAND OWNER. THIS LAND OWNER--  
25 THE WHOLE PREMISE OF THE ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT FOR THIS



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1 PROJECT IS THAT \$10 MILLION IS WHAT THE LAND IS WORTH. I DO  
2 NOT DOUBT THAT. BUT IF EVERY JOE DEVELOPER COMES IN HERE AND  
3 SAYS OKAY, MY LAND'S WORTH 10 MILLION. I NEED TO GET ENOUGH  
4 PADS TO MAKE A PROFIT ON THIS 10 MILLION. THAT BASIS, THAT  
5 LAND BASIS, ANYBODY CAN COME IN AND SAY, WELL, I PAID 10  
6 MILLION FOR IT, IT'S WORTH 10 MILLION AND...

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, PAUL.

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10 **PAUL EDELMAN:** ...DOES EVERYONE ELSE GET THAT TREATMENT? LOTS  
11 46 THROUGH 51 SHOULD GO PLEASE DENY. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. LET ME  
14 JUST ASK A FEW BRIEF QUESTIONS AND GET BRIEF ANSWERS FROM THE  
15 STAFF. HOW MUCH GRADING WOULD OCCUR IN THE SIGNIFICANT  
16 ECOLOGICAL AREA UNDER ALTERNATIVE 4 VERSUS THE 61-FOOT  
17 ALTERNATIVE THAT'S BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY?

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19 **PAUL MCCARTHY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. PAUL MCCARTHY,  
20 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THE REDUCTION, THERE IS A  
21 REDUCTION IN THE PROPOSAL BEFORE YOU TODAY.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** A REDUCTION OVER WHAT WOULD BE IN  
24 ALTERNATIVE 4?

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1   **PAUL MCCARTHY:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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3   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO LESS GRADING IN THIS PROPOSAL  
4   THAN...

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6   **PAUL MCCARTHY:** LESS GRADING. ALTERNATIVE 4 WOULD REQUIRE  
7   384,900 CUBIC YARDS OF GRADING. THE PROPOSAL BEFORE YOU TODAY  
8   IS 308,500. ALSO IN TERMS OF THE AREA DISTURBED BY GRADING  
9   WITHIN THE S.C.A., THAT WOULD BE UNDER ALTERNATIVE 4, 11.65  
10   ACRES. UNDER THE PROPOSAL BEFORE YOU TODAY, THAT'S REDUCED TO  
11   5.45 ACRES.

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13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IN YOUR OPINION, DID THE IMPACTS  
14   OF THE 61-LOT DEVELOPMENT BEFORE US TODAY ACHIEVE SIMILAR  
15   LEVELS OF PROTECTION AS WAS OBTAINED IN ALTERNATIVE 4?

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17   **PAUL MCCARTHY:** I BELIEVE SUPERIOR LEVELS OF PROTECTION,  
18   SUPERVISOR.

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20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERIOR. SHOULD THE E.I.R. HAVE  
21   BEEN RECIRCULATED AS A RESULT OF THE PROJECT REVISION FROM 66  
22   TO 61 LOTS AS WAS SUGGESTED LAST TIME?

23

24   **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.  
25   NO, IN OUR LEGAL OPINION, RECIRCULATION UNDER C.E.Q.A. WAS NOT





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1     REQUIRED IN THIS INSTANCE. THE PROJECT BEFORE YOU IS A LESSER  
2     INCLUDED VERSION WHICH MITIGATES IMPACTS, DOES NOT ADD TO  
3     THEM.

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5     **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WERE THE LOCATION OF ALL THE LOTS  
6     IN THE PROJECT STUDIED THE E.I.R.?

7

8     **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** YES, THEY WERE, IN THE INITIAL DRAFT  
9     E.I.R., THE SCOPE OF DISTURBANCE IN GRADING AND LOCATION  
10    EXCEEDS THAT OF WHAT IS PROPOSED BEFORE YOU TODAY.

11

12    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WERE ANY NEW IMPACTS CREATED IN  
13    THE PROJECT REVISION? ANY NEW IMPACTS CREATED IN THE PROJECT  
14    REVISION?

15

16    **LARRY HENSLEY:** NO, SUPERVISOR, THERE WERE NONE.

17

18    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I WANT TO CUT TO THE CHASE  
19    HERE. IS THE PROJECT BEFORE US TODAY CONSISTENT WITH A NORTH  
20    AREA PLAN?

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22    **LARRY HENSLEY:** YES, SUPERVISOR, IT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE  
23    NORTH AREA PLAN.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ARE BOTH THE NUMBER OF THE LOTS  
2    AND SIZES OF THE LOTS ON THIS PROJECT CONSISTENT WITH THE  
3    NORTH AREA PLAN?

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5    **LARRY HENSLEY:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

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7    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS EVERY ONE OF THE COUNTY  
8    SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA REQUIREMENTS MET BY THIS PROPOSED  
9    PROJECT?

10

11   **LARRY HENSLEY:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

12

13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

14

15   **LARRY HENSLEY:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

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17   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** FIRST OF ALL, LET ME, I'M GOING TO  
18   READ A MOTION IN BUT, AS I PREPARE TO DO THAT, LET ME THANK  
19   EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED. THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN GOING ON  
20   ALMOST AS LONG AS I'VE REPRESENTED THIS AREA. WHEN I FIRST  
21   BECAME THE SUPERVISOR, I THINK IT WAS 132 LOTS-- IT WAS WELL  
22   OVER 130 LOTS, THE ZONING PERMITTED 130 SOME ODD LOTS. IT IS  
23   NOW DOWN TO 61. IT IS DOWN TO 61 IN AS RIGHT A WAY AS COULD  
24   POSSIBLY BE IF YOU'RE GOING TO ALLOW DEVELOPMENT ANYWHERE. AND  
25   THE REASON IT'S BEEN DONE AS RIGHT AS IT COULD POSSIBLY BE IS



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1 BECAUSE OF THE INPUT OF PEOPLE SUCH AS THE CITIZENS WHO SPOKE  
2 HERE TODAY, EVEN THOUGH THEY OPPOSE THE PROJECT AND THEY DON'T  
3 WANT TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH A COMPROMISE AND I RESPECT THAT. WE  
4 LISTENED TO EVERY SINGLE CRITICISM AND CRITIQUE THEY MADE OF  
5 THE PROJECT AND FORCED THE DEVELOPER TO MAKE CHANGES. THE  
6 NUMBER OF ITERATIONS OF THIS PROJECT NUMBER HALF A DOZEN OR  
7 MORE THAT I'M FAMILIAR WITH. AND I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY THEY  
8 PLAYED WITH. THE ONES THAT I'M FAMILIAR WITH ARE AS A RESULT  
9 OF THE DEMANDS AND THE CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISMS THAT WERE MADE  
10 BY MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO SPOKE HERE TODAY AND WE TOOK THEM TO  
11 HEART AND REQUIRED THE DEVELOPER TO TAKE THEM TO HEART AND  
12 THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE TODAY. AND I RESPECT THE FACT THAT  
13 PEOPLE DO NOT WANT ANYTHING HERE OR WOULD LIKE IT DIMINIMUS  
14 HERE BUT IF ANYTHING IS GOING TO BE DONE HERE, THE RULE OF LAW  
15 NEEDS TO BE RESPECTED. AND THAT GOES WHEN YOU COMPLY WITH DID  
16 NORTH AREA PLAN, THAT'S THE RULE OF LAW, TOO. AND THE DENSITY  
17 RANGE IS AT THE LOW END OF WHERE WE STARTED ON THIS. IN FACT,  
18 MR. HESS, I KNOW YOU DON'T-- YOUR THINKING HAS EVOLVED BUT  
19 SOME FOUR, FIVE YEARS AGO EVEN YOU SUGGESTED 65 OR 68 UNITS.  
20 THAT'S AT A TIME WHEN IT WAS LOOKING LIKE IT WAS GOING TO BE A  
21 LOT MORE. WE'RE DOWN TO 61. SO I WANT TO THANK THE COMMUNITY  
22 FOR HELPING TO SHAPE THIS EVEN THOUGH THEY DON'T LIKE IT. AND  
23 I WANT TO THANK THE DEVELOPER FOR HIS PERSEVERANCE AND  
24 PATIENCE BECAUSE THIS THING HAS BEEN DRAGGED OUT A LONG TIME  
25 TO GET THE RIGHT PROJECT BECAUSE WE DO ONLY HAVE THE ABILITY



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1 TO DO IT RIGHT ONE TIME AND WE INTEND TO SEE TO IT THAT THE  
2 CONDITIONS THAT ARE IMPOSED WILL BE ADHERED TO. ALL RIGHT.  
3 WITH THAT, LET ME JUST READ THIS MOTION. THE TRIANGLE RANCH  
4 DEVELOPMENT THAT IS BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TODAY IS A  
5 VASTLY BETTER PROJECT THAN THE ONE THAT WAS INITIALLY PROPOSED  
6 NEARLY A DECADE AGO. THE PLAN THAT IS BEFORE US TODAY IS LESS  
7 THAN HALF THE SIZE OF THE INITIAL PROPOSAL AND REPRESENTS A  
8 DEVELOPMENT PLAN THAT IS RESPECTFUL OF THE SANTA MONICA  
9 MOUNTAINS AND COMPLIANT WITH THE NORTH AREA PLAN. SINCE THE  
10 HEARING LAST MARCH, THE DEVELOPERS TOOK THIS BOARD'S COMMENTS  
11 SERIOUSLY AND MODIFIED THEIR PROJECT TO FULLY PROTECT ALL THE  
12 SENSITIVE SPECIES ON THE PROPERTY, ELIMINATE ALL RETAINING  
13 WALLS ALONG SCENIC CORRIDORS, PROTECT RIPARIAN HABITAT AND  
14 WATER QUALITY, MAINTAIN THE RURAL AESTHETIC OF THE SANTA  
15 MONICA MOUNTAINS THROUGH THE USE OF RURAL ROAD STANDARDS,  
16 PRESERVE SIGNIFICANT NATURAL LAND FORMS, REDUCE GRADING BY  
17 NEARLY 85,000 CUBIC YARDS AND DEVELOP LANDSCAPE AND DESIGN  
18 STANDARDS TO ENSURE THAT THIS SITE WILL BE-- WILL BLEND IN  
19 WITH THE NEIGHBORING COMMUNITY. I APPRECIATE THE WORK, AS I  
20 SAID, THAT MANY MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY HAVE PUT INTO  
21 TRANSFORMING THIS DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL INTO ONE THAT WILL  
22 PROTECT THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND UPHOLD THE COUNTY'S  
23 COMMITMENT TO THE NORTH AREA PLAN. I ALSO WANT TO BE CLEAR  
24 THAT I'VE HEARD THE SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED BY SOME OF THE  
25 NEIGHBORS WHO OPPOSE DEVELOPMENT ON THE SITE COMPLETELY AND I



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1 UNDERSTAND THAT SOME OF THEM MAY DISAGREE WITH THE DECISION TO  
2 IMPROVE THIS OR ANY OTHER DEVELOPMENT. HOWEVER, I AM ALSO  
3 CONFIDENT THAT, OVER TIME, FEARS OF AN OUT OF PLACE  
4 DEVELOPMENT WILL ULTIMATELY PROVE TO BE UNFOUNDED BECAUSE THE  
5 REVISED PROJECT HAS BEEN TRULY INFORMED AND SUBSTANTIVELY  
6 TRANSFORMED BY AN HONEST ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS AND  
7 PRODUCTIVE INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY. IN FACT, TRIANGLE RANCH  
8 WILL TAKE EXTRAORDINARY STEPS TO MITIGATE IMPACTS INHERENT TO  
9 ANY DEVELOPMENT IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND WILL BE  
10 AMONG THE MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE HOUSING  
11 DEVELOPMENTS ANYWHERE IN THIS SENSITIVE REGION. WITH A FEW  
12 IMPORTANT MODIFICATIONS THAT I WILL DISCUSS SHORTLY, THE BOARD  
13 OF SUPERVISORS HAS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO APPROVE THIS  
14 ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT AND THEREBY PRESERVE,  
15 IN PERPETUITY, ITS OPEN SPACE, NEARLY 300 ACRES, OVER 90  
16 PERCENT OF THE TRIANGLE RANCH PROPERTY, PROTECT 100 PERCENT OF  
17 THE SENSITIVE AND ENDANGERED SPECIES ON THE PROPERTY,  
18 INCLUDING THE LYON'S PENTACHAETA AND THE SANTA MONICA  
19 MOUNTAINS DUDLEYA, INCORPORATE INNOVATIVE FUEL MODIFICATION  
20 STANDARDS THAT WILL PROTECT VALUABLE RIPARIAN AND WILDLIFE  
21 HABITAT WHILE ALSO PROVIDING DEFENSIBLE SPACE FOR  
22 FIREFIGHTERS. DEDICATE ONGOING FUNDING FOR THE SCIENTIFIC  
23 STUDY AND HABITAT MAINTENANCE OF THE LYON'S PENTACHAETA, GIVE  
24 RESOURCES TO PUBLIC AGENCIES TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN IMPORTANT  
25 LINKAGES WITHIN THE REGIONAL TRAILS NETWORK IN THE SANTA



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1 MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA INCLUDING A MISSING  
2 LINK IN THE SIMI TO THE SEA MULTI-USE TRAIL, TO DONATE 287  
3 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE TO PUBLIC PARK AGENCIES ALONG WITH FUNDING  
4 HABITAT RESTORATION AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, CLUSTER  
5 DEVELOPMENT ON THE FLATTEST AND MOST DISTURBED PORTIONS OF THE  
6 SITE AND PERMANENTLY PROTECTED THE MOST SENSITIVE PORTIONS OF  
7 THE PROPERTY, ENSURE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT WILL BE HIGHLY  
8 COMPATIBLE WITH THE SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT THROUGH THE USE OF  
9 CAREFULLY CRAFTED LANDSCAPE, ARCHITECTURE AND LIGHTING  
10 REQUIREMENTS AND FINALLY INCORPORATE CRITICAL WATER QUALITY  
11 PROTECTION MECHANISMS. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF  
12 SUPERVISORS CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, FIND THAT THE FINAL  
13 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN COMPLIANCE  
14 WITH C.E.Q.A., HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD  
15 AND REFLECTS THE INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT OF THE BOARD, CERTIFY  
16 THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, APPROVE THE  
17 ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS AND STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING  
18 CONSIDERATIONS, AND MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM, INDICATE  
19 OUR INTENT TO APPROVE TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 52419, C.U.P. 97-178  
20 AND OAK TREE PERMIT 97-178 AND INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO  
21 PREPARE THE PROJECT FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS WITH THE FOLLOWING  
22 ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS AND MODIFICATIONS: (1) INCORPORATE THE  
23 CHANGES TO THE DESIGN AND LANDSCAPING STANDARDS RECOMMENDED BY  
24 THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF. (2) PRIOR TO CLEARANCE OF THE  
25 LANDSCAPE PLAN BY THE COUNTY, REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING



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1 TO SEEK PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING THE CONSISTENCY OF THAT  
2 LANDSCAPE PLAN WITH THE ADOPTED LANDSCAPE GUIDELINES, AS WELL  
3 AS THE GOAL OF PRESERVING SIGHT LINES OF LADY FACE MOUNTAIN.  
4 (3) IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN THE  
5 LANDSCAPE GUIDELINES, REQUIRE THAT ONLY LOCALLY NATIVE SPECIES  
6 BE PLANTED WITHIN PRIVATELY OWNED YARDS WHEREVER THAT  
7 LANDSCAPING WOULD BE VISIBLE FROM ANY PUBLIC ROADWAY OR  
8 EXISTING COMMUNITY. (4) CLARIFY THAT, PRIOR TO RECORDATION OF  
9 THE TRACT MAP, THE APPLICANT SHALL OFFER TO DEDICATE ALL OF  
10 THE 287 ACRES OF DEDICATED OPEN SPACE LOTS TO AN ACCEPTABLE  
11 PUBLIC ENTITY WHILE RETAINING ANY NECESSARY EASEMENTS TO ALLOW  
12 FOR COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT MANDATED BRUSH CLEARANCE. (5)  
13 REQUIRE AT LEAST 20 PERCENT OF THE HOMES TO BE LIMITED TO ONE  
14 STORY ONLY AND REQUIRE THAT THEY BE STRATEGICALLY PLACED AT  
15 LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PROJECTS SO AS TO MAINTAIN KEY VIEW  
16 CORRIDORS, AS APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING.  
17 (6) ENSURE THAT ADJACENT HOMES USE DIFFERENT ARCHITECTURAL  
18 STYLES AND PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF 12 DIFFERENT COMBINATIONS OF  
19 ARCHITECTURAL STYLES AND FLOOR PLANS SO AS TO EMPHASIZE THE  
20 VARIATION BETWEEN HOMES AND CREATE THE LOOK AND FEEL OF A  
21 COMMUNITY THAT DEVELOPED OVER TIME. (7) PROVIDE A COMPLETION  
22 BOND TO ENSURE THAT THE PROJECT IS RESTORED TO ITS NATURAL  
23 STATE IF CONSTRUCTION IS BEGUN AND THEN ABANDONED PRIOR TO  
24 COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT. (8) IN ORDER TO PROTECT WILDLIFE  
25 CORRIDORS, RESTRICT THE USE OF ANTICOAGULANT RODENTICIDES. (9)





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1 PRIOR TO THE RECORDATION OF ANY FINAL TRACT MAP OR UNIT MAP,  
2 REQUIRE THE APPLICANT TO RECORD A FLEXIBLE TRAIL EASEMENT  
3 ACROSS ALL OPEN SPACE AND LANDSCAPED LOTS IN THE PROJECT IN  
4 ORDER TO FACILITATE THE PLANNING, CONSTRUCTION AND USE OF THE  
5 "SEE ME TO THE SEA" TRAIL NETWORK AND, PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE  
6 OF ANY CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY, PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF  
7 \$185,000 TO THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION IN  
8 ORDER TO PLAN AND CONSTRUCT THAT TRAIL. AND (10) AS DEEMED  
9 FEASIBLE BY THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING, IMMEDIATELY  
10 PRIOR TO RECORDATION OF THE FINAL MAP OR MAPS, THE CHIEF  
11 CERTIFICATION BY THE UNITED STATES GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL  
12 UNDER THEIR LEAD FOR HOMES GREEN BUILDING RATING SYSTEM.  
13 THAT'S AS DEEMED FEASIBLE BY THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING. LASTLY,  
14 I JUST WANT TO ASK ONE QUESTION THAT CAME UP IN THE HEARING.  
15 ON THE ISSUE OF THE RETAINING WALL, IF THEY EVER WANTED TO PUT  
16 A RETAINING WALL WHERE WE HAVE JUST TAKEN IT OUT, WOULD THEY  
17 HAVE TO COME BACK AND RE-APPLY?

18

19 **LARRY HENSLEY:** YES, THEY WOULD, SUPERVISOR.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT THEY  
22 COULD JUST DO IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

25



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THEY'D HAVE TO REOPEN THE WHOLE  
2   ISSUE. THAT'S THE INTENT AND THAT'S CERTAINLY THE EXPECTATION.  
3   ALL RIGHT. THAT'S THE MOTION. IS THERE A SECOND? MR. KNABE  
4   SECONDS. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION OR ANY DISCUSSION, FIRST OF  
5   ALL? HEARING NO DISCUSSION, WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.  
6   I AGAIN WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR TIME AND PERSEVERANCE  
7   IN THIS AND I'M SURE WE HAVEN'T HEARD THE LAST OF IT. SO THANK  
8   YOU ALL, ESPECIALLY MY CONSTITUENTS. KEEP UP THE FIGHT. I KNOW  
9   THIS ISN'T EASY. THANK YOU TO STAFF AND MY STAFF, AS WELL. AND  
10   MR. KNABE, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO TAKE THIS UP. I'LL  
11   TURN IT BACK OVER TO YOU.

12

13   **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'D  
14   LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM NUMBER 20.

15

16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 20.

17

18   **SUP. KNABE:** IF I COULD HAVE SOMEONE FROM D.C.F.S., PLEASE?

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20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MS. PLOEHN IS ON HER WAY HERE.

21

22   **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** GOOD MORNING.

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24   **SUP. KNABE:** GOOD MORNING. OBVIOUSLY, I, LIKE MY COLLEAGUES, AM  
25   VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS EFFORT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FOCUS ON



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1 GIVING THESE CHILDREN LONG-TERM FOSTER CARE A BETTER CHANCE OF  
2 BEING ADOPTED. I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE ABOUT 6,000 CHILDREN IN  
3 THE COUNTY IN THIS SITUATION HERE IN LOS ANGELES AND THE  
4 COUNTY AND IT'S A QUARTER OF ALL THE CHILDREN THAT ARE UNDER  
5 OUR CARE. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY INROADS MADE IN MY DISTRICT AND  
6 OTHER DISTRICTS WITH DIFFERENT CONGREGATION OF FAITH-BASED  
7 GROUPS GETTING INVOLVED IN FOSTER CARE. AND THE COMMISSION FOR  
8 FAMILY-- AND CHILDREN AND FAMILIES HAS ALSO BEEN VERY  
9 INVOLVED. SO I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO EXPLAIN MAYBE HOW WE ARE  
10 GOING TO-- AND I KNOW THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF OUTREACH AND  
11 HOLDING MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS BUT HOW DO  
12 YOU ANTICIPATE USING FAITH-BASED GROUPS TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS  
13 PLAN THAT'S BEFORE US HERE TODAY?

14

15 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** THIS PLAN IS FOR US TO ACCEPT ONE AND A  
16 QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS. WE'RE  
17 BASICALLY BREAKING IT DOWN, ABOUT A THIRD OF THAT MONEY, ABOUT  
18 \$400,000 A YEAR, IS GOING TO BE USED FOR INTENSIVE RECRUITMENT  
19 SERVICES. WE HAVE AN R.F.P. THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE RELEASING  
20 IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS AND PART OF THE STATEMENT OF WORK OF THAT  
21 R.F.P. IS FOR FAITH- BASED AGENCIES TO JOIN WITH OTHER  
22 ADOPTION AGENCIES IN ORDER TO LOOK AT SPECIFIC CHILDREN, ONE  
23 CHILD AT A TIME, PARTICULARLY CHILDREN THAT ARE HARD TO PLACE,  
24 OLDER CHILDREN, AND UTILIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDING, THIS  
25 ADDITIONAL FUNDING, TO ACTUALLY TO DO OUTREACH EFFORTS. WE'VE



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1 REALLY HAD SOME SUCCESS WITH CHURCHES THAT WILL ACTUALLY ADOPT  
2 A CHILD AND BRING THEM INTO THEIR CONGREGATION AND LET THEM  
3 START TO KNOW SOME OF THE OTHER PARISHIONERS, LET THEM KNOW  
4 THIS CHILD IS AVAILABLE, AND, TIME AFTER TIME, WE HAVE HAD A  
5 FAMILY COME FORTH AND SAY, "I WOULD LIKE TO BECOME INVOLVED."  
6 SO WE'RE GOING TO UTILIZE THIS MONEY TO MAKE THAT...

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** SO WE'D BE ABLE TO USE THESE DOLLARS TO LEVERAGE  
9 THESE FAITH-BASED GROUPS IN SOME WAY?

10

11 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** WE CERTAINLY ARE, YES.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** I GUESS I'M SUPPORTING THE MOTION. I WOULD JUST  
14 LIKE MAYBE AS PART OF IT THAT THE DEPARTMENT CAN REPORT BACK  
15 WITH HOW THE FAITH-BASED GROUPS ARE ADOPTING OUT, HOW THEY'RE  
16 WORKING WITH THIS OR HOW THE DEPARTMENT'S BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN  
17 OUTREACHING TO THESE VARIOUS GROUPS AND TO GET A REPORT BACK  
18 ALONG THOSE LINES, IF THAT WOULD BE OKAY.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL SECOND THAT.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. NO OBJECTION TO THAT.  
23 MR. ANTONOVICH-- ARE YOU DONE? MR. ANTONOVICH.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME PROBLEMS WITH THE  
2   VOLUNTEERS, I'D ALSO LIKE TO MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE  
3   C.E.O. WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND  
4   FAMILY SERVICES TO REPORT BACK AGAIN IN 60 DAYS WITH ANY  
5   BARRIERS, LEGAL OR OTHERWISE, FOR THE FULL UTILIZATION OF  
6   VOLUNTEERS IN THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY, INCLUDING BUT NOT  
7   LIMITED TO USING THE VOLUNTEERS TO TRANSPORT THE CHILDREN IN  
8   THEIR OWN VEHICLES TO VARIOUS EVENTS AND INCREASING THE  
9   VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FAITH-BASED PROGRAMS TO  
10   SUPPORT THE YOUTH IN FINDING THOSE APPROPRIATE HOMES.

11  
12   **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** THAT WOULD BE REALLY HELPFUL. THANK YOU VERY  
13   MUCH.

14  
15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO OBJECTION TO THAT AMENDMENT.  
16   AND TO MR. KNABE'S AMENDMENT. MS. BURKE?

17  
18   **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ADD THAT THERE'S A PROGRAM  
19   THAT WE HAVE SUPPORTED SO MUCH FAMILY TO FAMILY THAT HAS  
20   ORGANIZED THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITIES TO GET THEM INVOLVED IN  
21   TERMS OF IDENTIFYING FOSTER PARENTS AND, OF COURSE, ADOPTION  
22   HAS TO BE A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THAT. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT  
23   THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING WITH THAT PROGRAM WOULD BE  
24   INVOLVED AND UTILIZE THEIR EXISTING ORGANIZATION TO BRING INTO  
25   IT SO THAT THERE IS ALREADY A BODY OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE



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1 OUTREACH THROUGH THE FAITH COMMUNITY AND EXPAND IT AS WE GO  
2 FORWARD BECAUSE IT'S VERY IMPORTANT IN SOME COMMUNITIES THAT  
3 YOU HAVE ACTIVITY FROM THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITIES WHERE YOU  
4 CAN IDENTIFY PARENTS WHO WILL BE INTERESTED IN ADOPTING  
5 CHILDREN AND WHO CAN GIVE THEM A VERY POSITIVE IMAGE.

6

7 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** AND, REALLY, THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITIES ALL  
8 OVER THIS COUNTY IS COMING TO OUR DOOR. AND THEY'RE NOT ASKING  
9 US FOR THINGS. THEY'RE SAYING, "WE HAVE SOMETHING TO OFFER AND  
10 HOW CAN WE HELP?" AND IT'S REALLY CATCHING ON ACROSS THE  
11 COUNTY.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WITH THOSE AMENDMENTS BEFORE  
14 US, WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE AMENDMENTS ARE BEFORE US. NOW WE  
15 HAVE THE ITEM BEFORE US. MR. ANTONOVICH MOVES, KNABE SECONDS,  
16 WITHOUT OBJECTION. ITEM 20 IS APPROVED.

17

18 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DON?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M TRYING TO SEE, I THINK-- LET ME DOUBLE-CHECK  
23 HERE. I BELIEVE THAT WAS THE ONLY ITEM THAT I HELD BUT LET ME  
24 DOUBLE CHECK. ITEM 51?

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 51. HELD FOR A MEMBER OF THE  
2   PUBLIC. WHO DO WE HAVE ON THIS? GEORGE EDWARDZ? IS HE HERE? GO  
3   ON, MR. EDWARDZ, YOU'RE ON.

4  
5   **GEORGE EDWARDZ:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY,  
6   MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE  
7   GREAT PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. MY NAME IS GEORGE EDWARDZ.  
8   ALMOST ONE YEAR AGO TODAY I CAME BEFORE YOU ASKING?FOR  
9   ASSISTANCE IN GETTING VITAL FIRE PROTECTION FOR THE REGION  
10   THAT INCLUDES THE CITY OF LA HABRA HEIGHTS. I WAS NOT LOOKING  
11   FOR A HANDOUT BUT RATHER A JOINT COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO WOULD  
12   OPEN A SMALL SUBSTATION THAT WOULD SERVE A WIDE AREA AND HELP  
13   KEEP ANY FIRE THREAT FROM BECOMING A WILDFIRE CATASTROPHE.  
14   TODAY, I'M HERE TO SUPPORT AN APPROVAL OF THE AUTOMATIC AID  
15   AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND  
16   THE CITY OF LA HABRA HEIGHTS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD  
17   OF SUPERVISORS. THE RESIDENTS OF LA HABRA HEIGHTS NEED THE  
18   AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE A STOP GAP MEASURE UNTIL  
19   THEY COULD FURTHER PURSUE ADDED FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES THAT  
20   COULD TAKE MANY YEARS TO IMPLEMENT. AREA FIREFIGHTERS AND  
21   RESIDENTS HAVE VIEWED THIS REQUEST FOR THE PAID FOR FIRE  
22   SERVICE WITH SOME RESERVATION. SPREADING ALREADY THIN FIRE AND  
23   RESCUE RESOURCES, COUPLED WITH THE LA HABRA HEIGHTS PLAN, IS  
24   SEEN AS UNFAIR AND A MISUSE OF THE SPIRIT AND INTENT OF AN  
25   AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT. IN THE DEFENSE OF OUR COMMUNITY AND





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1 THE CITY COUNCIL OF LA HABRA HEIGHTS, THEY DID ASK THE LOS  
2 ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR A, "FOR CONTRACT FIRE AND  
3 RESCUE SERVICES", A QUOTE THAT WAS IN EXCESS OF OVER \$4  
4 MILLION A YEAR, FAR MORE THAN THE 1.2 MILLION THE CITY HAD  
5 AVAILABLE TO SPEND ON FIRE AND RESCUE RESOURCES. SO IT IS NOT  
6 AS THOUGH WE DID NOT TRY TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY TO PAY FOR  
7 THE ADDITIONAL SERVICES. IN ORDER TO HELP MITIGATE ANY  
8 NEGATIVE FEELINGS OR OPINIONS, I WOULD LIKE TO RESPECTFULLY  
9 SUGGEST THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SET A LIMIT ON THE  
10 LENGTH OF THE AGREEMENT AND THEN REVIEW THE STATUS OF SELF-  
11 RELIANCE. WORK WITH AND ENCOURAGE THE COMMUNITY OF LA HABRA  
12 HEIGHTS VIA A J.P.A. TO EXPAND FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES TO  
13 INCLUDE THE FIRST END AREAS THAT ARE NOW TO BE COVERED BY LOS  
14 ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. THIS SHOULD HELP SATISFY THE  
15 CONTRACT CITY OF LA HABRA, CITY OF WHITTIER, COMMUNITY OF  
16 ROWLAND HEIGHTS, THE FIREFIGHTERS' UNION AND RESIDENTS WHO  
17 SUPPORT SELF-RELIANCE. THIS WILL ALLOW FOR A GREATER RESOURCE  
18 IN THE REGION, RATHER THAN THE BAND-AID APPROACH OF AUTOMATIC  
19 AID. WE DO NOT PLAN TO TAKE THE GIFT OF AUTOMATIC AID TO OUR  
20 COMMUNITY, TO OUR SMALL FIRE-PRONE COMMUNITY BY THE FINEST  
21 FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE NATION FOR GRANTED, AND WE TRUST THE  
22 DEAL HAS NO STRINGS ATTACHED SUCH AS ERA ENERGIES PROJECTS  
23 CONNECTED TO HARBOR BOULEVARD. THE CITY OF LA HABRA HEIGHTS  
24 HAS TAKEN A PROACTIVE ROLE IN THE PRESERVATION OF RURAL  
25 LANDSCAPE AND OPEN SPACE FOR THE SOUTHEASTERN END OF LOS



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1 ANGELES COUNTY. NOW WE NEED THE COUNTY TO STEP IN AND PREVENT  
2 THE GOOD WORK OF COUNTLESS AREA RESIDENTS FROM BURNING AS A  
3 RESULT OF INADEQUATE FIRE PROTECTION. WITHOUT THE AUTOMATIC  
4 AID AGREEMENT, OUR CITY'S FIRE SERVICE WILL CONTINUE ON ITS  
5 FIVE-YEAR AGGRESSION AND CONTINUE TO PUT THE ENTIRE REGION IN  
6 DANGER. I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NO OTHER PEOPLE WISHING  
9 TO BE HEARD? THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** COULD WE GET A COPY OF YOUR COMMENTS, PLEASE?

12

13 **GEORGE EDWARDZ:** YES, SIR. I CAN GIVE YOU A COPY BUT IT'S KIND  
14 OF...

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** WE CAN MAKE A COPY AND GIVE IT BACK TO YOU.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DO YOU WANT TO MOVE THE  
19 ITEM? SECONDED BY MS. MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS  
20 VOTE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** ITEM 70-F.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 70-F. WE HAVE SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO  
25 WISH TO BE HEARD ON THIS. ALBERT ROBLES. AIDE CASTRO. TONY



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1 MARTINEZ AND MARGARET ARAJO. PLEASE COME FORWARD. MR. ROBLES?

2 ARE YOU MR. ROBLES?

3

4 **ALBERT ROBLES:** YES.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE HERE TO OPPOSE THIS?

7

8 **ALBERT ROBLES:** NOT NECESSARILY OPPOSE IT, MR. CHAIRMAN, BUT TO  
9 SUGGEST TWO AMENDMENTS OR INSTRUCTIVE AMENDMENTS THAT I'D ASK  
10 THE BOARD TO CONSIDER IN APPROVING THIS ITEM AS IT'S PASSED  
11 OVER TO THE COUNTY REGISTRAR RECORDER'S OFFICE THAT THEY  
12 FOLLOW UP ON THESE TWO ISSUES.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD.

15

16 **ALBERT ROBLES:** OKAY, THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU, GOOD  
17 MORNING. MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THANK YOU FOR  
18 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. THIS IS THE FIRST  
19 OPPORTUNITY THAT THE CITY OF LYNWOOD HAS HAD TO VOICE AN  
20 OPINION ON THIS ITEM. FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS ALBERT  
21 ROBLES, I'M THE DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF LYNWOOD.  
22 THIS BILL THAT'S COME BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WAS  
23 INTRODUCED, VOTED ON AND PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND THE SENATE  
24 WITHIN A PERIOD OF 24 HOURS WITHOUT ANY INPUT FROM THE CITY.  
25 SO, AGAIN, WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY HERE TODAY. THERE



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1 HAVE BEEN MANY COMPARISONS MADE BETWEEN THE CITY OF LYNWOOD TO  
2 SOUTHGATE AND LYNWOOD IS NO SOUTHGATE. DESPITE THE SIMILARITY  
3 IN MY NAME OR IN FACT IT'S THE EXACT SAME NAME AS THE  
4 INDIVIDUAL IN SOUTHGATE, LYNWOOD IS NOT SOUTHGATE, NO MATTER  
5 HOW MANY TIMES THE PROPONENTS COMPARE LYNWOOD TO SOUTHGATE, NO  
6 MATTER HOW MANY TIMES THE L.A. TIMES MAY SELECTIVELY COMPARE  
7 LYNWOOD TO SOUTHGATE, LYNWOOD IS NOT SOUTHGATE AND WE ALL KNOW  
8 THAT WE SHOULDN'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING WE READ IN THE L.A.  
9 TIMES. THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS INACCURATE STATEMENTS MADE  
10 WITH RESPECT TO THIS RECALL AND I WANTED TO JUST CLARIFY TWO  
11 OF THE ITEMS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY. FIRST IS THAT THE CITY HAS  
12 NEVER BEEN OPPOSED TO A FAIR ELECTION. IN FACT, IT'S THE  
13 CITY'S DESIRE TO GO FORWARD WITH THE FAIR ELECTION. THE CITY  
14 HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS AFFIDAVITS AND DECLARATIONS, SIGNED  
15 UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, ALLEGING FORGERY AND FRAUDS WITH  
16 RESPECT TO THIS RECALL ELECTION AND IT'S THE CITY'S DESIRE TO  
17 HAVE THESE ALLEGATIONS INVESTIGATED. AND THAT IS WHAT WE'RE  
18 SEEKING HERE TODAY, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND THAT IS THAT, AS THE  
19 BOARD APPROVES THIS ITEM, THAT THE ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIVE BE  
20 GIVEN TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PROMPTLY  
21 INVESTIGATE ALL ALLEGATIONS OF VOTER FRAUD AND  
22 MISREPRESENTATIONS BECAUSE, IF YOU READ THE STATUTE, IT SAYS  
23 THAT THE ELECTION SHALL BE TRANSFERRED AND ADMINISTERED BY THE  
24 COUNTY FOR ALL PURPOSES. AND I ASSUME THAT THAT MEANS FOR  
25 INVESTIGATORY PURPOSES WITH RESPECT TO FRAUD THAT HAVE BEEN



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1 MADE WITH RESPECT TO THIS ELECTION. SECONDLY, THE CITY OF  
2 LYNWOOD DID NOT TAKE RECKLESSLY CONTROL AWAY FROM THE DULY  
3 ELECTED CITY CLERK IN THE CITY OF LYNWOOD. CONTROL WAS GIVEN  
4 TO ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL BECAUSE THE CITY CLERK, AS A CANDIDATE  
5 IN THE RECALL, SHE RECUSED HERSELF, THUS NECESSITATING THE  
6 APPOINTMENT OF ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL. SO THE CITY OF LYNWOOD  
7 WANTED ME TO CLARIFY THAT FOR THE RECORD. BUT THAT BRINGS US  
8 TO THE SUMMARY OF MY PRESENTATION, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND THAT IS  
9 THAT THE CITY HAS RECEIVED CONFLICTING REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY  
10 REGISTRAR REPORTER'S OFFICE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE  
11 SIGNATURES HAVE BEEN AUTHENTICATED AND VERIFIED. THEY HAVE  
12 BEEN TOLD A COUPLE TIMES THAT THEY WERE NOT AUTHENTICATED,  
13 THEY WERE ONLY VERIFIED. IN OTHER WORDS, THE SIGNATURES ON THE  
14 PETITIONS WERE CONFIRMED AND MATCHED WITH THE VOTER AT THAT  
15 PARTICULAR RESIDENCE BUT THE SIGNATURE ITSELF WAS NEVER  
16 MATCHED WITH THE SIGNATURE ON THE VOTER REGISTRATION CARD. AT  
17 OTHER TIMES, THEY HAD BEEN TOLD THAT THAT WAS DONE SO WE'RE  
18 APPEALING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HERE TODAY TO CLARIFY  
19 ONCE AND FOR ALL WHETHER OR NOT THAT HAS BEEN DONE, WHETHER OR  
20 NOT THOSE SIGNATURES HAVE BEEN COMPARED TO THE SIGNATURES ON  
21 THE VOTER REGISTRATION FILES BY A HANDWRITING EXPERT. AND, IF  
22 THAT HAS NOT BEEN DONE, THE CITY HAS AUTHORIZED ME TO  
23 REPRESENT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT THEY'RE PREPARED TO  
24 PAY FOR THAT AND TO HAVE THAT DONE, AGAIN, IN AN EFFORT TO



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1 HAVE A FAIR ELECTION. THERE ARE NUMEROUS STATEMENTS THAT HAVE  
2 BEEN PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL THERE'S BEEN RAMPANT FRAUD.  
3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK YOU'VE MADE YOUR POINT.  
5 CAN I JUST ASK YOU A QUESTION? YOU'RE THE DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY  
6 FOR THE CITY OF LYNWOOD?

7  
8 **ALBERT ROBLES:** YES.

9  
10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WORK FOR THE CITY OR DO YOU  
11 WORK FOR A LAW FIRM THAT'S ON CONTRACT FOR THE CITY?

12  
13 **ALBERT ROBLES:** I WORK FOR THE LAW FIRM OF WILLOUGHBY AND  
14 ASSOCIATES, ANTHONY WILLOUGHBY IS THE CITY ATTORNEY AS OF 2-  
15 1/2 WEEKS AGO.

16  
17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'VE MADE AN ALLEGATION THAT  
18 THERE'S BEEN FORGERY AND FRAUD IN THE PETITION GATHERING  
19 EFFORTS, IS THAT CORRECT?

20  
21 **ALBERT ROBLES:** YES, WE HAVE SIGNED AFFIDAVITS ON DECLARATIONS  
22 FROM NUMEROUS PEOPLE.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH THOSE  
2    SIGNED AFFIDAVITS? WELL, LET ME ASK YOU MORE DIRECTLY. HAVE  
3    YOU CONTACTED THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY?

4

5    **ALBERT ROBLES:** NO.

6

7    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHY NOT?

8

9    **ALBERT ROBLES:** WELL, THE ELECTION IS GOING TO OCCUR IN A MONTH  
10    AND A HALF TIME PERIOD.

11

12    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SORRY. WHY, IF YOU WERE ASKING  
13    US TO INVESTIGATE SOMETHING, WHICH WE DO NOT HAVE THE POWER TO  
14    INVESTIGATE, YET YOU SAY THAT YOU HAVE SIGNED AFFIDAVITS,  
15    UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, FROM PEOPLE WHO SAY THAT THESE  
16    DOCUMENTS WERE FORGED AND ARE FRAUDULENT. AS AN OFFICER OF THE  
17    BAR OR AS A MEMBER OF THE BAR, WHY WOULDN'T YOU HAVE TAKEN  
18    THAT TO THE ONE AGENCY IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT, WHICH YOU ARE  
19    WELL AWARE, HAS THE POWER TO INVESTIGATE THIS? AND THAT'S THE  
20    DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, IF YOU HAVE EVIDENCE THAT THERE'S  
21    FRAUD AND FORGERY.

22

23    **ALBERT ROBLES:** WELL, IF I MAY ANSWER THAT. THE CONCERN IS  
24    THAT, IF THESE DECLARATIONS AND AFFIDAVITS ARE TRANSFERRED  
25    OVER TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, BECAUSE OF THE





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1 WORKLOAD, THEY WILL NOT GET AN OPPORTUNITY TO INVESTIGATE AND  
2 AUTHENTICATE THE CLAIMS MADE BEFORE THE RECALL ELECTION. AND  
3 IF THEY'RE DONE AFTER THE FACT, BOY, IT'S A MOOT POINT AT THAT  
4 POINT. OBVIOUSLY...

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, YOU NEVER EVEN MADE AN  
7 EFFORT TO CONTACT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, DID YOU, TO FIND OUT  
8 WHETHER THEY COULD DO IT BEFORE THE RECALL ELECTION?

9

10 **ALBERT ROBLES:** WELL, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WAS TOLD THAT PREVIOUSLY  
11 THE CITY OF LYNWOOD EXPERIENCED A RECALL INVOLVING THE THEN  
12 MAYOR AND THESE SAME ALLEGATIONS WERE MADE AND THOSE  
13 ALLEGATIONS, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, WERE PRESENTED TO THE  
14 DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND NOTHING EVER CAME OF THEM. AND THE  
15 CONCERN IS ON THE CITY COUNCIL THAT THAT SAME THING WILL  
16 HAPPEN AGAIN.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THE ONLY CONCERN OF THE  
19 CITY COUNCIL IS THAT THEY ARE GOING TO GET RECALLED. I DON'T  
20 THINK THERE'S A CONCERN OF ANYTHING ELSE. AND EVERYTHING THAT  
21 I'VE SEEN ON THIS CASE-- AND I WILL CONFESS THAT MUCH OF WHAT  
22 I KNOW, NOT ALL OF IT BUT MUCH OF WHAT I KNOW IS WHAT I'VE  
23 READ IN THE PAPER AND THE REACTION OF THE LEGISLATURE AND NOW  
24 YOUR COMMENTS SUGGEST TO ME THAT, IF THERE WAS A SINCERE  
25 CONCERN THAT THERE WAS FRAUD IN THE PETITION GATHERING



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1 EFFORTS, THAT YOU WOULD HAVE GONE TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
2 WITH OR WITHOUT A TIME ISSUE. YOU WOULD HAVE GONE TO THE  
3 DISTRICT ATTORNEY SO THAT HE HAS IT SO YOU PUT HIM ON THE SPOT  
4 WITH A RESPONSIBILITY TO INVESTIGATE. SECONDLY, I'M NOT GOING  
5 TO GET INTO THE WHOLE THING BECAUSE THERE'S NO POINT TO IT,  
6 BUT IT JUST APPEARS TO ME THAT WHAT THE LEGISLATURE HAS DONE  
7 AND WHAT WAS CALLED FOR IN THIS CASE IS RESTORING A SENSE OF  
8 CONFIDENCE AND INTEGRITY TO THE PROCESS. YOU THINK THERE'S A  
9 CONFLICT OF INTEREST BECAUSE THE CITY CLERK MIGHT HAVE BEEN A  
10 CANDIDATE. THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST OF THE CITY COUNCIL TAKING  
11 ACTIONS IN THIS ARENA ARE MUCH MORE COMPELLING SINCE THEY,  
12 SEVERAL OF THEM, ARE THE SUBJECTS OF THE RECALL. SO I'LL SPEAK  
13 FOR MYSELF. YOU DON'T GET A LOT OF SYMPATHY FROM ME. IN FACT,  
14 I'VE BEEN KIND OF OUTRAGED BY WHAT I'VE SEEN GOING ON AT  
15 LYNWOOD. AND I'M NOT YOUR COUNTY SUPERVISOR. YOU MIGHT HAVE  
16 CONTACTED MS. BURKE OR ANY ONE OF THE FIVE OF US TO SAY THAT  
17 YOU HAVE EVIDENCE OF FRAUD. WE COULD HAVE GONE TO THE DISTRICT  
18 ATTORNEY AND SAID, "YOU KNOW, THEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE  
19 TIME." YOU NEVER DID THAT. YOU'VE JUST MADE THE ASSERTION. I'M  
20 NOT EVEN SURE YOU HAVE AFFIDAVITS. MAYBE YOU DO, MAYBE YOU  
21 DON'T BUT WE'VE NEVER SEEN THEM. AND IT JUST SOUNDS LIKE  
22 CROCODILE TEARS TO ME. SO, YOU KNOW, I SPENT THE BETTER PART  
23 OF MY ADULT LIFE AND MS. MOLINA AND I SPENT ONE ELECTION  
24 MONITORING EPISODE BACK IN 2000 TRYING TO PROMOTE DEMOCRACY  
25 AND IT MAKES ME FEEL SICK THAT HERE I WAS GOING TO ANOTHER



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1 COUNTRY TRYING TO HELP THEM BUILD DEMOCRACY WHEN, IN MY OWN  
2 BACKYARD, DEMOCRACY WAS BEING UNDERMINED AND CORRODED. AND  
3 THAT STINKS. THAT JUST STINKS. AND YOU SHOULD BE BETTER  
4 PREPARED, AS A LAWYER, TO COME, THAN YOU ARE COMING BEFORE US  
5 TODAY MAKING THIS KIND OF A LAME ARGUMENT. THIS ELECTION OUGHT  
6 TO TAKE PLACE. IT OUGHT TO TAKE PLACE IN THE TIME ALLOTTED BY  
7 THE LAW. THE SCHEDULE WAS THREATENED BY ACTIONS OF YOUR CITY  
8 AND THAT NECESSITATED THE LEGISLATURE'S MOVING INTO THIS IN AN  
9 UNPRECEDENTED WAY. YES, IT MAY HAVE PASSED IN 24 HOURS AND GOT  
10 SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR BUT THEY MOVED SWIFTLY IN ORDER TO  
11 PROTECT DEMOCRACY, NOT TO UNDERMINE IT. MS. BURKE?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** SINCE YOU WERE MAKING COMMENTS, I THINK I SHOULD  
14 AT LEAST MAKE SOME COMMENTS HERE. I HAVE MET WITH A GROUP, I  
15 THINK IT WAS THE CHAMBER GROUP, WHO WERE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT  
16 THESE SIGNATURES AND THE ISSUE AS FAR AS THE SIGNATURES. I  
17 HAVE NOT SEEN AFFIDAVITS BUT I DO KNOW THAT ALL OF THE  
18 PETITIONS ARE NOW IN THE CONTROL OF THE SHERIFF. THE SHERIFF  
19 HAS ALL OF THE PETITIONS. AND THE ISSUE WENT TO COURT, I  
20 BELIEVE, TWO WEEKS AGO. AND THE COURT REVIEWED THIS ISSUE IN  
21 TERMS OF WHETHER OR NOT THE SHERIFF SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO  
22 ALLOW OUTSIDE PEOPLE COME IN TO REVIEW THESE SIGNATURES. AND  
23 MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT, PRELIMINARILY, THE COURT DETERMINED  
24 THAT THE SHERIFF SHOULD RETAIN THE SIGNATURES. NOW, IT HAS NOT  
25 GONE TO A FINAL COURT DECISION. MY POSITION HAS BEEN IS THAT I



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1 HAVE TO ABIDE BY THE COURT AND THAT WE HAVE TO FOLLOW THE  
2 COURT AND CERTAINLY THE LEGISLATURE.

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4 **ALBERT ROBLES:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I MAY, SINCE YOU'VE MADE A  
5 COUPLE POINTS.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO LET YOU  
8 RESPOND.

9

10 **ALBERT ROBLES:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. FIRST OF ALL, AGAIN,  
11 LET ME CLARIFY. THE CITY CLERK, SHE SUBMITTED A LETTER TO THE  
12 CITY COUNCIL RECUSING HERSELF. SHE DID THAT. NO ONE ASKED HER  
13 TO DO THAT. THE CITY COUNCIL DIDN'T PRESSURE HER INTO DOING  
14 THAT. SHE DID THAT AS A CANDIDATE RUNNING FOR THE RECALL  
15 ELECTION. SHE DID THAT. THAT HAPPENED BEFORE WE GOT INVOLVED  
16 BUT THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD AND THAT'S WHAT SHE TOLD ME.  
17 SECONDLY, WITH RESPECT TO THESE AFFIDAVITS BEING TURNED OVER  
18 TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND OTHER INVESTIGATORY  
19 BODIES, THE CITY ATTORNEY HAS THE AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE  
20 MISDEMEANORS. AS A PERSON FAMILIAR WHO'S WITH THE ELECTION  
21 CODE, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT MOST OF THESE ELECTION VIOLATIONS  
22 ARE JUST THAT, MISDEMEANORS. SO THE CITY ATTORNEY, IT'S PROPER  
23 FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY TO CONDUCT THESE INVESTIGATIONS INTO  
24 MISDEMEANOR VIOLATIONS. THAT'S THE OTHER POINT I WANTED TO  
25 MAKE.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET ME JUST ASK A QUESTION. I'M  
3 NOT A LAWYER, SO I'M AT A SLIGHT DISADVANTAGE, BUT MAYBE ONLY  
4 SLIGHT. IS FALSIFYING A GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT PROSECUTABLE AS A  
5 FELONY? IS FORGERY OR FRAUD PROSECUTABLE AS A FELONY?

6

7 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'M NOT A CRIMINAL  
8 LAWYER. I WOULD SUSPECT THAT THOSE WOULD BE PUNISHABLE AS  
9 FELONIES BUT I DON'T KNOW FOR CERTAIN.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, I THINK SO, TOO.

12

13 **ALBERT ROBLES:** MAY I CONTINUE?

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND EVEN IF IT WAS PROSECUTABLE AS  
16 A MISDEMEANOR, HOW WOULD YOU PROSECUTE IT IN LYNWOOD? WHO  
17 PROSECUTES MISDEMEANORS IN LYNWOOD?

18

19 **ALBERT ROBLES:** MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE CITY ATTORNEY HAS  
20 THAT AUTHORITY TO DO THAT.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE CITY ATTORNEY DOES?

23

24 **ALBERT ROBLES:** YES.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE THE CITY ATTORNEY, AREN'T  
2    YOU?

3

4    **ALBERT ROBLES:** I'M THE DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY.

5

6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WHO IS YOUR BOSS?

7

8    **ALBERT ROBLES:** MR. WILLOUGHBY.

9

10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. DID MR. WILLOUGHBY CONSIDER  
11   FILING A MISDEMEANOR ACTION AGAINST THE PEOPLE WHO WERE  
12   ACCUSED OF FRAUD AND FORGERY?

13

14   **ALBERT ROBLES:** THE INVESTIGATION HAS NOT BEEN CONCLUDED YET.  
15   YOU CAN'T FILE CHARGES WITHOUT INVESTIGATING.

16

17   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT THEY'RE CONCLUDED ENOUGH FOR  
18   YOU TO COME HERE AND ASSERT THAT THERE WAS FORGERY AND FRAUD.

19

20   **ALBERT ROBLES:** NO, I'M NOT-- I DIDN'T SAY THAT. I SAID WE HAD  
21   DECLARATIONS AND AFFIDAVITS. AGAIN, I APOLOGIZE IF I DIDN'T  
22   SPEAK CLEARLY. LET ME CLARIFY THE RECORD THEN. WE HAVE  
23   DECLARATIONS AND AFFIDAVITS SIGNED BY INDIVIDUALS THAT THERE  
24   WERE FRAUD AND MISREPRESENTATION IN THE CONDUCTION OF THIS  
25   RECALL IN HOW THE RECALL PETITIONS WERE CIRCULATED.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS MR. WILLOUGHBY OR YOU OR  
3 ANYBODY ELSE AS PART OF THE CITY ATTORNEY'S FAMILY IN LYNWOOD  
4 INVESTIGATING THOSE, LOOKING INTO THOSE AFFIDAVITS? HAVE YOU  
5 TALKED TO ANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO SIGNED THOSE AFFIDAVITS?

6

7 **ALBERT ROBLES:** YES.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO WHAT'S THE STATUS OF YOUR  
10 INVESTIGATION?

11

12 **ALBERT ROBLES:** WELL, IT'S AN ONGOING INVESTIGATION AND I'M NOT  
13 AT LIBERTY TO DISCLOSE THAT NOW.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. I'LL LET YOU  
16 FINISH AND I'M NOT GOING TO RESPOND SO THAT WE CAN GET ON WITH  
17 IT.

18

19 **ALBERT ROBLES:** THANK YOU. AGAIN, WE'RE NOT ASKING THE BOARD OF  
20 SUPERVISORS TO POSTPONE THE ELECTION. THAT'S NOT THE REQUEST.  
21 ALL WE'RE ASKING IS THAT THOSE SIGNATURES BE AUTHENTICATED AND  
22 VERIFIED. IF WE'RE ALL IN FAVOR OF A FREE AND FAIR ELECTION,  
23 WHY AREN'T WE ALL IN FAVOR OF MAKING SURE THAT THOSE  
24 SIGNATURES HAVE BEEN AUTHENTICATED AND THEY'RE VALID? THAT'S  
25 ALL THAT THE CITY COUNCIL IS ASKING. I DON'T THINK THAT'S AN





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1 UNREASONABLE REQUEST. BUT I SIT ON THIS SIDE AND YOU SIT ON  
2 THAT SIDE. ALL I'M ASKING IS MAKING A REQUEST WHICH I DON'T  
3 THINK IS UNREASONABLE.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK YOU WERE SITTING ON THAT  
6 SIDE QUITE ALONE. EVERYBODY ELSE WHO HAS LOOKED AT THIS,  
7 INCLUDING THE COURTS, ARE ON THE OTHER SIDE. MR. ANTONOVICH,  
8 DID YOU WANT TO...

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO. I MEAN, YOU HAVE THE INFORMATION, YOU  
11 SHOULD GO TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND ASK HIM, "CAN YOU DO  
12 THIS IN THIS TIME FRAME BECAUSE WE HAVE A PENDING ELECTION?"  
13 AND HAVE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAY YES, HE CAN OR NO, HE CAN'T  
14 INSTEAD OF ASSUMING THAT HE CAN'T.

15

16 **ALBERT ROBLES:** THANK YOU FOR THE INPUT.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. ROBLES. I  
19 APPRECIATE YOU BEING HERE. IS IT AIDE?

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21 **AIDE CASTRO:** YES, SIR. GOOD MORNING. LET ME BEGIN BY READING  
22 WHAT I SAW WHEN I FIRST CAME IN. THAT GOVERNMENT OF THE  
23 PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH FROM  
24 THE EARTH. I THINK THE WAY THAT THE ELECTORAL PROCESS WAS  
25 DESIGNED WAS FOR THE PEOPLE, NOT TO STOP US. IT WAS DESIGNED



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1 TO PROTECT US AND TO GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE OUR  
2 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, OUR DEMOCRATIC  
3 RIGHTS. I HAVE A LETTER RIGHT HERE FROM THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
4 SUPERVISORS-- AND, BY THE WAY, I WAS THE ONE WHO MADE THIS  
5 REQUEST TO HECTOR DE LA TORRES' OFFICE. THIS WAS THE PACKET  
6 THAT WAS SENT THAT I WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE TO YOU. IN HERE ON  
7 LETTER D IS A LETTER FROM THE COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE  
8 ANSWERING MS. LATESIA VASQUEZ, OUR COUNCILWOMAN, WHO WAS ONE  
9 OF THE ONES BEING RECALLED, THAT 100 PERCENT OF THE SIGNATURES  
10 WERE VERIFIED. NOW, IF I WORKED FOR THE COUNTY RECORDER'S  
11 OFFICE, I'D BE INSULTED BECAUSE, BASICALLY, WHAT THIS COUNSEL  
12 IS SAYING THAT THE COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE DOESN'T KNOW HOW  
13 TO RUN A RECALL AND THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO VERIFY SIGNATURES.  
14 IN CASE YOU GUYS ARE NOT AWARE OF HOW THEY ARE VERIFIED, YOU  
15 GO IN THERE. THEY HAVE A COMPUTER SYSTEM. YOU INPUT THE NAME  
16 OF THE VOTER AND THE ADDRESS AND THE SIGNATURE COMES UP. AND  
17 THAT IS HOW THEY VERIFY THE SIGNATURE. IN THAT PACKAGE, AS  
18 WELL, YOU HAVE A LETTER FROM THE COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE TO  
19 OUR CITY CLERK, ANDREA HOOPER, STATING HOW MANY SIGNATURES  
20 WERE FILED, HOW MANY SIGNATURES WERE VERIFIED, HOW MANY WERE  
21 FOUND SUFFICIENT, HOW MANY WERE FOUND NOT SUFFICIENT AND HOW  
22 MANY WERE FOUND DUPLICATE. NOW, UNLESS THEY VERIFIED AND  
23 AUTHENTICATED THEM, HOW ELSE WOULD THEY KNOW TO GIVE US THIS  
24 INFORMATION? I HAPPEN TO AGREE WITH YOU, MR. CHAIR, THESE ARE  
25 JUST SCARE TACTICS AND REASONS TO TRY TO STOP THE PROCESS OF



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1 THE SPECIAL ELECTION THIS SEPTEMBER 25TH. THEY'RE TRYING TO  
2 BUY TIME. NOW, AS SUPERVISOR YVONNE BURKE STATED, WE HAVE BEEN  
3 TO COURT, TWICE. IF I'M AN ATTORNEY, WHICH I'M NOT, AND I HAVE  
4 EVIDENCE THAT CAN HELP MY CLIENTS, WHY WOULDN'T I PRESENT THEM  
5 IN A COURT OF LAW? THAT'S WHAT-- THAT WAS THE WHOLE REASON FOR  
6 GOING TO COURT. IF YOU FEEL THAT WHAT WE WERE DOING WAS NOT  
7 DONE FAIRLY, LET'S TAKE IT TO COURT. LET THE COURTS DECIDE.  
8 AND IF I HAVE AFFIDAVITS AND DECLARATIONS, WHERE ARE THOSE  
9 PEOPLE? WHY AREN'T THEY HERE SAYING, HEY WE OPPOSE THIS. THIS  
10 WAS DONE ILLEGALLY. THIS WAS DONE FRAUDULENTLY. THAT HASN'T  
11 BEEN DONE. YET WE'RE HERE. I'M NOT EVEN A PROPONENT. I'M A  
12 CIRCULATOR. I'M A RESIDENT. AND, YES, I AM A CANDIDATE. BUT  
13 WHAT WE DID, WE DID WITHIN THE LAW AND WE EXERCISED OUR  
14 RIGHTS. AND I THANK GOD THAT ASSEMBLY MEMBER HECTOR DE LA  
15 TORRES, ALONG WITH SENATOR ALLEN LOWENTHAL TOOK THE TIME TO  
16 LISTEN TO THEIR CONSTITUENTS AND MADE THIS HAPPEN FOR US.  
17 WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL FOR IT. AND WE ASK YOU, THE BOARD OF  
18 SUPERVISORS, TO PLEASE APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. TONY MARTINEZ?

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22 **TONY MARTINEZ:** I'LL MAKE THIS PRETTY BRIEF. HI, MY NAME IS  
23 TONY MARTINEZ, I'M A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF LYNWOOD FOR 28  
24 YEARS. I PARTICIPATED IN THE RECALL PROCESS. THE RECALL WAS  
25 BROUGHT ABOUT. MR. ROBLES SAYS THERE'S NO SIMILARITIES BETWEEN



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1 SOUTHGATE. WE HAVE TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT ARE BEING CHARGED  
2 WITH CORRUPTION CURRENTLY. THE OTHERS, IN MY OPINION, ARE  
3 BEING DRIVEN BY SPECIAL INTERESTS AND NOT PUBLIC INTERESTS.  
4 THIS IS WHY WE CONTINUED WITH THIS RECALL. OUR SIGNATURES HAVE  
5 BEEN VERIFIED BY A IMPARTIAL PARTY, WHICH IS THE COUNTY  
6 REGISTER'S. AND NOW WE HAVE A COUNCIL WHO IS SAYING THAT THESE  
7 PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW HOW TO DO THEIR JOBS. NOW THEY'RE SAYING  
8 THAT THEY SHOULD BE IN CHARGE OF THIS ELECTION PROCESS. WE  
9 TOOK OUR CONCERNS TO MR. HECTOR DE LA TORRES AND ELLEN  
10 LOWENTHAL AND THEY HAVE BEEN INFORMED AND THEY HAVE BEEN KEPT  
11 AWARE OF THE ENTIRE PROCESS AND THEY ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE  
12 COMMUNITY. AND I'M HERE TO HOPE THAT YOU ARE ALSO IN SUPPORT  
13 OF THE COMMUNITY AND OF HECTOR DE LA TORRES AND ALLEN  
14 LOWENTHAL'S BILL 484. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MARGARET ARAJO.

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18 **MARGARET ARAJO:** GOOD MORNING. I'M HERE BASICALLY ON BEHALF OF  
19 THE LYNWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD, WHICH I AM A MEMBER, AND  
20 ALSO THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION. WE'VE HAD A LOT OF THINGS HAPPEN  
21 IN OUR COMMUNITY AND SO NOW WE'RE TRYING TO CLEAN IT UP.  
22 LEGISLATORS HAVE LISTENED TO US AND WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU  
23 ALSO LISTEN TO US AND APPROVE THIS. WE FOLLOWED ALL THE  
24 PROCESSES. WE FOLLOWED ALL THE LAWS. AND I'M SORRY THAT MR.  
25 ROBLES AND HIS OTHER PERSON ONLY GOT HERE TWO WEEKS AGO. AND



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1 MAYBE THEY WEREN'T BRIEFED ENOUGH BUT I TAKE GREAT OFFENSE  
2 THAT A COUNCILMEMBER WOULD TELL THE COUNTY THAT THEY DON'T  
3 KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING AND THAT THEY CAN'T COME IN AND TELL  
4 THE CITY WHAT TO DO. AND SO THEY HAVE JUST BEEN PUTTING ONE  
5 ROADBLOCK AFTER ANOTHER. YESTERDAY, THEY HAD AN EMERGENCY  
6 MEETING AT 7:45 IN THE MORNING TRYING TO DO WHATEVER THEY WERE  
7 GOING TO DO AND ALL THEY DID WAS LAMBASTE OUR ASSEMBLYMEN FOR  
8 DOING THIS BILL, SAYING HE NEVER CAME TO THEM, HE NEVER DID  
9 THIS, HE NEVER DID THAT AND WE'RE JUST TIRED OF IT. I'VE BEEN  
10 MORE THAN 30 YEARS LIVING IN LYNWOOD AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR  
11 BURKE VERY WELL BUT YOU NEED TO REALLY HELP US BECAUSE, IF  
12 NOT, WE'RE GOING-- WE'RE SINKING. AND THEY'RE HIRING ALL THESE  
13 PEOPLE TO INVESTIGATE ALL THIS STUFF AND YET THEY'RE TELLING  
14 US THAT WE'RE BROKE AND THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO RAISE OUR  
15 TAXES, THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO RAISE THIS AND RAISE THAT BUT  
16 THEY KEEP HIRING ALL THESE PEOPLE TO COME AND INVESTIGATE.  
17 INVESTIGATE WHAT? IF YOU WOULD SEE THE PEOPLE THAT WENT OUT  
18 AND GOT THESE SIGNATURES, THESE ARE OLD PEOPLE THAT ARE  
19 SINGLE. THEY HAVE THEIR HOUSE, THAT'S ALL THEY HAVE LEFT AND  
20 THEY WANT TO TAKE THEIR HOUSE TO BUILD A MAGNIFICENT TAJ  
21 MAHAL? YOU KNOW, I MEAN, THIS IS RIDICULOUS. AND THESE PEOPLE  
22 TOOK TIME, OLD PEOPLE, TO GO OUT THERE AND WALK AND FIGHT. AND  
23 YOU HAVE COUNCIL PEOPLE SAYING, "OH THESE ARE YOUNG KIDS,  
24 ILLEGALS AND THEY'RE NOT EVEN REGISTERED TO VOTE" AND ALL THIS  
25 STUFF. AND YOU KNOW WHAT? THAT'S NOT THE CASE. SO, PLEASE, I



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1 ASK YOU, NOT JUST PLEASE, I BEG YOU TO PLEASE APPROVE THIS AND  
2 HELP US IN ANY WAY YOU CAN BECAUSE THEY'RE JUST OFF LEFT  
3 FIELD. AND IT JUST SICKENS ME TO GO TO A COUNCIL MEETING AND  
4 SEE HOW THEY ARE ABUSIVE TO THE RESIDENTS AND THE SENIORS AND  
5 EVERYBODY BECAUSE THEY'RE TIRED OF THE MESS. THEY'RE TIRED,  
6 TIRED, TIRED, TIRED OF HAVING PEOPLE TRYING TO TAKE THEIR  
7 HOMES, TIRED OF THEM TELLING THEM THEY'RE GOING TO DO THIS AND  
8 THEY'RE GOING TO DO THAT, YOU KNOW, LIKE, THREATENING, IN A  
9 THREATENING MANNER. WE'RE TIRED. AND WE KNOW WE FOLLOWED THE  
10 LAW. WE DID EVERYTHING RIGHT. WE CAN'T HELP IT IF THEY DIDN'T  
11 LIKE THE OTHER ATTORNEY WE HAD BECAUSE HE WASN'T AGREEING WITH  
12 HIM SO THEY FIRED HIM TWO WEEKS AGO AND BROUGHT TWO NEW  
13 PEOPLE. AND, FROM WHAT WE UNDERSTAND, MAYBE ONE OF THEM IS A  
14 FRIEND OF ONE OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS. SO, I MEAN, PLEASE,  
15 PLEASE. I DON'T WANT TO START CRYING BUT, YOU KNOW, I'M SO  
16 UPSET AT WHAT THEY'RE TRYING TO DO. YOU CAN SEE IT BY THE WAY  
17 HE WAS TALKING. YOU CAN SEE THAT IT'S JUST A CROCODILE TEARS  
18 AND WE JUST NEED TO SWEEP THEM OUT. THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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22 **ALBERT ROBLES:** MR. CHAIRMAN COULD I JUST 15 SECONDS?

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, YOUR TIME IS UP. WE'VE-- THE  
2   ITEM-- THERE'S NOBODY ELSE WHO WISHES TO BE HEARD SO THE  
3   PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. MS. BURKE?

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5   **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE ALREADY INDICATED THAT THE COURT DID RULE  
6   ON THIS AND THE SIGNATURES HAVE BEEN IN THE PRESENCE, IN THE  
7   CONTROL OF THE SHERIFF FOR I THINK AT LEAST A MONTH. SO I HAVE  
8   NOTHING FURTHER TO SAY. I THINK WE'RE BOUND BY THE COURT AND  
9   THE LEGISLATURE.

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11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ITEM 70-F IS A  
12   RECOMMENDATION OF WHOM? THE C.E.O., IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE  
13   COUNTY REGISTRAR? REGISTRAR-RECORDER? OKAY. MS. BURKE MOVES.  
14   I'LL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK YOU FOR  
15   BEING HERE. [ APPLAUSE ]

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17   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DON, YOU'RE STILL UP. DO YOU HAVE  
18   ANYTHING ELSE? OKAY, MR. ANTONOVICH.

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20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE THE FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENTS.  
21   FIRST, A GOOD FRIEND, A VERY CLOSE FAMILY FRIEND AND  
22   SUPPORTER, DAVID TAI WAI CHOW, WHO PASSED AWAY TWO WEEKS AGO.  
23   DAVID WAS A UNIQUE INDIVIDUAL. HE IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED  
24   STATES AND BECAME A STUDENT AT U.C.L.A. WHEN HE WAS 14 YEARS  
25   OF AGE. HE BECAME THE FIRST CHINESE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT AT





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1 THE UNIVERSITY. AT AGE 19, HE RECEIVED HIS MASTERS' DEGREE AT  
2 THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. IN 1984, HE WAS THE  
3 JUDO CHAMPION OF CALIFORNIA. AND HE LATER CREATED THE EMMY  
4 WINNING TELEVISION SHOW, "KUNG FU" STARRING DAVID CARRADINE.  
5 HE WAS THE LIAISON AND DIRECTOR FOR THE LOS ANGELES OLYMPICS  
6 AND HE CREATED THE DAVID CHOW HUMANITARIAN AWARD FOUNDATION  
7 AND I WAS ONE OF THE RECIPIENTS OF THAT AWARD. HE WAS QUITE  
8 INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY AND JUST A VERY CARING PERSON. HE  
9 PASSED AWAY ON JULY 10TH. ANOTHER GOOD FRIEND, A SUPPORTER,  
10 DR. JOSEPH CARRABINO, WHO TAUGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
11 CALIFORNIA-LOS ANGELES IN THE BUSINESS SCHOOL. HE WAS ALSO--  
12 SERVED GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN AND GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN  
13 AND GOVERNOR PETE WILSON. HE WAS ALSO THE PAST PRESIDENT OF  
14 THE LOS ANGELES HARBOR COMMISSION AND HAD SERVED AS PRESIDENT  
15 OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION. JOE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
16 83.

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT, PLEASE.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RABBI CAROLE MEYERS, WHO WAS THE FIRST FEMALE  
21 RABBI-- THIS IS SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND MYSELF, FIRST  
22 FEMALE RABBI TO LEAD A CONGREGATION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WAS  
23 THE RABBI AT TEMPLE SINAI IN GLENDALE. SHE WAS ORDAINED IN  
24 1983, GRADUATED FROM HEBREW UNION COLLEGE SEMINARY AND WAS THE  
25 CHAPLAIN FOR THE GLENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT. SHE WAS A



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1 RESIDENT WITH HER FAMILY IN LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE, MEMBER OF  
2 THE BOARD OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS, AND A  
3 STRONG COMMUNITY LEADER. SHE RETIRED JUST A FEW YEARS AGO. SHE  
4 WAS A WONDERFUL PERSON.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT ONE, AS WELL.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FRANK SESTANOVICH WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE  
9 OF 83. HE HAD JUST CELEBRATED HIS 53RD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY,  
10 WORLD WAR 2 VETERAN, AUTHOR AND VERY PROUD OF HIS CROATIAN  
11 ROOTS. MARA VASILJ RASPUDIC, WHO WAS BORN IN HERZEGOVINA, CAME  
12 WITH HER HUSBAND TO THE UNITED STATES 23 YEARS AGO. SHE WAS  
13 THE MOTHER OF 12, GRANDMOTHER OF 23, GREAT-GRANDMOTHER OF 21.  
14 SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92. SHE WAS ACTIVE AT ST.  
15 ANTHONY'S CROATIAN CHURCH. MARY LOUISE "DOLLY" HARMS. SHE WAS  
16 A MEMBER OF THE XI NU ZETA CHAPTER OF BETA SIGMA PHI SORORITY  
17 AND ACTIVE AT OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP IN THE VALLEY. ROBERT  
18 HAUGH, WHO WAS THE PAST FORMER PRESIDENT SUPERINTENDENT OF THE  
19 CITRUS COLLEGE AND WAS A DEAN AT PASADENA CITY COLLEGE AND AT  
20 ONE TIME WAS PRESIDENT OF GLENDALE COLLEGE. HE PASSED WAY AT  
21 THE AGE OF 93. GEORGE OTIS, FOUNDER OF THE "HIGH ADVENTURE  
22 MINISTRIES," SIMI VALLEY CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATION. HE WAS ALSO A  
23 FORMER AEROSPACE EXECUTIVE. FOUNDED A NUMBER OF ELECTRONIC  
24 COMPANIES. HE PASSED AWAY. ONE OF THE GREAT FOOTBALL COACHES  
25 LIKE COACH WOODEN IN BASKETBALL, BILL WALSH IN FOOTBALL WAS AN



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1   INSPIRATION TO THE PLAYERS AND A ROLE MODEL TO THE YOUTH AS TO  
2   BEING A RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL AND A FATHER FIGURE. HE  
3   AFFECTED THE WEST COAST OFFENSE WHICH ALLOWED QUARTERBACK JOE  
4   MONTANA TO SPREAD OUT THE DEFENSE LINE WITH A SHORT HORIZONTAL  
5   PASSES AND THEN THROWING LONGER PASSES TO WIDE RECEIVER, JERRY  
6   RICE. HE LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE 49ERS, CONTINUED TO BE  
7   SUCCESSFUL EVEN AFTER HE RETIRED. AND HE WON THE SUPER BOWL  
8   THREE TIMES IN '81, '84 AND '88. MARY PUTNAM BORRELL, EDUCATOR  
9   AND ACTIVE IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. TOM SNYDER, VETERAN TALK  
10   SHOW HOST, NEWS MAN, HE ANCHORED THE K.N.B.C. NEWS. HAD A TALK  
11   SHOW ON K.A.B.C. AND LATER HOSTED THE "TOMORROW SHOW" AND  
12   STARTED HERE MANY, MANY YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS FIRST ON THE  
13   COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. JAMES McCANDLESS, WORKED  
14   FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
15   SERVICES AND A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. RUTH  
16   PURE, TALENTED LOCAL ARTIST IN PEARBLOSSOM WHO PAINTED  
17   PORTRAITS AND FLORAL STILL LIFE AND HAD MANY OF HER ART WORKS  
18   DISPLAYED. H. LLOYD NELSON, A LONG TIME GLENDALE RESIDENT AND  
19   27-YEAR VETERAN OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION  
20   DEPARTMENT. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER WHO IS A MEMBER OF  
21   THE L.A. COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND A SON, GAGE NELSON,  
22   AND WAS A FORMER L.A. POLICE DEPARTMENT RESERVE OFFICER.  
23   MARISSA FERNANDEZ WHO PASSED AWAY. SHE WAS ONLY EIGHT YEARS  
24   OLD. THE DAUGHTER OF OLGA AND DAVID FERNANDEZ, BUSINESS OWNERS  
25   IN COVINA.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON ITEMS 44 THROUGH 49 ON PROBATION, I'D JUST  
5 LIKE TO MOVE THOSE WITH THIS AMENDMENT. THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS  
6 HAVE PRESENTED THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT WITH UNIQUE CHANGES ON  
7 SEVERAL DIFFERENT FRONTS. MANY OF THESE WERE STIMULATED BY THE  
8 VARIOUS AUDITS THAT WERE CONDUCTED, INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT  
9 OF JUSTICE, WHICH RESULTED IN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
10 BETWEEN THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTY. IT NEEDS TO BE  
11 SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS UNDERGONE REMARKABLE CHANGES,  
12 WHICH INCLUDE THE EMBARKING UPON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
13 TITLE 4 WAIVER, SHIFTING STRATEGIES TO ALIGN WITH EVIDENCE-  
14 BASED PRACTICES AND CAMP REDESIGN. ALL OF THESE ARE AIMED TO  
15 SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE THE DEPARTMENT'S PERFORMANCE. IN  
16 RESPONSE TO THE CHALLENGES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT,  
17 THE BOARD HAS INVESTED A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF RESOURCES AND  
18 EXPECTS POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR THE YOUTH IN THE JUVENILE  
19 JUSTICE SYSTEM. THE DEPARTMENT'S IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS AND  
20 APPLICATION OF THESE RESOURCES SHOULD BE DRIVEN BY OUTCOMES  
21 THAT ARE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED AND SUPPORTED BY THOSE STRATEGIES  
22 ALIGNED WITH E.B.P. AND MEASURED IN A CONSTANT, ON GOING  
23 MANNER. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO WORK  
24 WITH THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER TO IDENTIFY KEY OUTCOMES FOR  
25 THE YOUTH IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, THE SUPPORTING



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1 STRATEGIES, WITH A TIMELINE BASED ON EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES  
2 AND THE PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR EACH OUTCOME, CLEARLY DEFINE  
3 THE ROLES OF ALL PARTIES IN OUTCOMES WHICH INVOLVE OTHER  
4 DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES TO ELIMINATE ANY CONFUSION UP FRONT,  
5 DUPLICATION, AND PROMOTE EFFICIENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY AND  
6 PROVIDE THIS REPORT IN 30 DAYS WITH SEMIANNUAL PROGRESS  
7 REPORTS THEREAFTER.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SECONDED BY MS. MOLINA, SUPERVISOR  
12 KNABE?

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I JUST WOULD ASK YOU, THE CHIEF PROBATION  
15 OFFICER OR THE C.E.O., WHILE THIS MOTION SOUNDS VERY GOOD AND  
16 PROBABLY WE'LL SUPPORT IT, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S  
17 NOT IN CONFLICT WITH EVERYTHING ELSE THAT'S GOING ON AND WHAT  
18 WE'RE DOING AS IT RELATES TO WHAT'S GOING ON INTERNALLY WITHIN  
19 THE DEPARTMENT. THIS IS NOT DUPLICATION OR...?

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21 **BOB TAYLOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS, BOB  
22 TAYLOR, CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER. NO, I DON'T SEE IT AS A  
23 PROBLEM. THE ONLY PROBLEM THAT WE MIGHT HAVE IS WITH THAT 30-  
24 DAY WINDOW BUT WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO GET IT DONE IN 30 DAYS.

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1    **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

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3    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANYTHING ELSE? MS. MOLINA?

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5    **SUP. MOLINA:** I JUST WANT A CLARIFICATION. THIS IS ON ALL OF  
6    THE ITEMS 44 THROUGH 48?

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8    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

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10    **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE IT DOESN'T SAY THAT THAT ON THE MOTION.  
11    AND I WANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE ASKING FOR ALL OF THESE  
12    C.B.O.S NOW TO HAVE MORE DIRECT ACCOUNTABILITY AS TO WHAT SOME  
13    OF THE OUTCOMES THAT WE'RE EXPECTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT  
14    SHOULD HAVE WITH REGARD TO-- AND THAT'S THE SAME THING THAT I  
15    HAD SEEN WHEN I WENT THROUGH ALL OF THESE CONTRACTS, THAT WE  
16    WERE GOING THROUGH, IS THAT THERE'S NO DIRECT RELATIONSHIP AS  
17    TO WHAT THE OUTCOME IS EXPECTED. WE'RE SPENDING ALL THIS MONEY  
18    BUT I'M NOT SURE WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO OTHER THAN  
19    "INTERVENTION", WHATEVER THAT MAY MEAN.

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21    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 44 THROUGH 49.

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23    **SUP. MOLINA:** AS LONG AS IT'S CONNECTED TO EACH OF THESE ITEMS.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S THE UNDERSTANDING. WITHOUT  
2   OBJECTION, IT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA,  
3   WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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5   **BOB TAYLOR:** THANK YOU.

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7   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT WAS ALL I HAD, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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9   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I JUST HAVE FOR INTRODUCTION. THE STATE  
12   SUPREME COURT HAD ISSUED A RULING IN THE O'CONNOR VERSUS THE  
13   CITY OF STOCKTON, WHICH SPEAKS ON THE ISSUES OF A LOCAL  
14   ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE FORFEITURE OF VEHICLES WHEN USED TO  
15   COMMIT CERTAIN CRIMINAL ACTS UNDER STATE LAW. I MOVE THAT THE  
16   BOARD DIRECT THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO WORK WITH THE DISTRICT  
17   ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND OUR SHERIFF AND REPORT BACK IN TWO WEEKS  
18   WITH A REVIEW OF THE SUPREME COURT'S RULING IN THE CASE OF  
19   O'CONNELL VERSUS CITY OF STOCKTON TO DETERMINE THE IMPACT THAT  
20   THE COUNTY'S EXISTING FORFEITURE ORDINANCES WITH  
21   RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION, INCLUDING THE  
22   OPTION TO SEEK LEGISLATION. AS YOU KNOW, WE ALSO HAD  
23   FORFEITURE OF VEHICLES FOR THOSE CONVICTED OF ILLEGAL DUMPING  
24   THAT WE HAD PASSED A COUPLE YEARS AGO.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. REPORT BACK. ALL RIGHT.  
2   THAT'LL BE THE ORDER. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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4   **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE  
5   ADJOURN IN MEMORY THIS MORNING OF RETIRED L.A.P.D. OFFICER  
6   RUBEN WHITTINGTON. HE WAS FATALLY SHOT IN THE CITY OF WALNUT,  
7   MAYBE SOME OF YOU READ ABOUT IT IN THE PAPER, WHILE HE WAS  
8   WAITING FOR THE AUTO CLUB FOR A FLAT TIRE. RUBEN WAS A 20-YEAR  
9   VETERAN OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE RETIRED IN  
10   1995. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO HIS  
11   FAMILY, HIS FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES.

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13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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15   **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM I GUESS IT'S  
16   18 AND 67.

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18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 18 AND 67.

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20   **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THEY'RE CONNECTED.

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22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THE REGISTRAR HERE? WE HAVE  
23   SOMEBODY THAT WANTS TO BE HEARD. DR. CLAVREUL?

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1 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
2 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I'M GOING TO SPEAK SPECIFICALLY TO THE  
3 SOLE VENDOR CONTRACT PART OF IT, NOT TO THE RECORDER OR  
4 REGISTRAR BECAUSE THIS IS NOT MY FIELD. BUT I REALLY WANT TO  
5 PUT AN EMPHASIS THAT IT IS VERY SAD, IN OUR COUNTY OF OVER 10  
6 MILLION PEOPLE, THAT WE HAVE SO MANY SOLE VENDOR CONTRACTS. I  
7 MEAN, YOU KNOW, I'M BLUE IN THE FACE ABOUT THAT SUBJECT. SO I  
8 HOPE THAT YOU WILL WORK VERY WELL TO PREVENT THAT IN THE  
9 FUTURE. I KNOW SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS BEEN VERY GOOD ABOUT, YOU  
10 KNOW, TRYING TO KEEP AN EYE ON IT SO I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT.  
11 THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, DR. CLAVREUL. PUBLIC  
14 HEARING IS CLOSED. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. I'M VERY CONCERNED, AS YOU KNOW, ABOUT  
17 THIS SOLE SOURCE PROCESS. YOU KNOW, THERE IS A POLICY IN PLACE  
18 FOR THE COUNTY AND IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER  
19 CHOOSES TO GO AROUND IT BY CREATING A VERY DIFFERENT PROCESS  
20 AND THAT IS SHOPPING AROUND FOR WHAT YOU NEED AND THEN GOING  
21 OUT AND CREATING A VERY LIMITED AMOUNT OF TIME IN ORDER TO DO  
22 ANYTHING ABOUT IT. I'M CONCERNED. THIS IS A LAW THAT WAS  
23 PASSED WAY BACK IN 2006 AND WE HAVE HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO HAVE  
24 CREATED A PROCESS WHERE WE COULD HAVE DONE AN R.F.P. TO LOOK  
25 FOR THE ITEM THAT WE NEEDED. INSTEAD, I THINK THE REGISTRAR



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1 DECIDED TO DO IT THE OTHER WAY AROUND AND LOOK AT HOW TO MEET  
2 THOSE REQUIREMENTS AND SHOP AROUND AND THEN NOW CREATE AND PUT  
3 US IN A SITUATION FOR A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT. I OPPOSE ALSO  
4 SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS WHEN, IN FACT, THEY CAN'T BE JUSTIFIED  
5 AND WE'VE LOOKED AT THIS EVERY WHICH WAY. AND THE REALITY IS,  
6 IT TRULY CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED BECAUSE THERE ISN'T JUST THE ONE  
7 MACHINE OR THE ONE MANUFACTURER. AND WE'RE AT A POINT IN TIME  
8 WHERE IT WAS BROUGHT TO US SO LATE THAT WE HAVE NO OPPORTUNITY  
9 BUT TO DO-- TO GO AHEAD AND MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS PURCHASE  
10 FOR THIS SORTING MACHINE. I THINK IT'S AWKWARD IN EVERY SINGLE  
11 WAY, NOT ONLY BY THE LIMITED TIMEFRAME. IT IS AWKWARD FROM THE  
12 STANDPOINT OF HOW WE ARE NOT GIVEN THE OPTION TO AT LEAST  
13 REQUEST FOR OTHER PROPOSALS. AND THEN ALL OF THE JUSTIFICATION  
14 IS IT'S THE ONLY ONE. I DOUBT THAT TO BE THE CASE. IT IS ALSO  
15 WE DON'T HAVE ANY TIME. ALSO, THIS IS THE ONLY ONE THAT FITS  
16 IN THE SPACE THAT WE'VE DESIGNATED FOR IT. ALL OF THAT IS  
17 NONSENSE. AND, CONNY, I'M REALLY VERY DISAPPOINTED. I  
18 APPRECIATE THAT THE C.E.O. AND THE DEPARTMENT ARE GOING TO  
19 WORK ON UNDERSTANDING THESE PROCEDURES AND THESE PROCESSES,  
20 BUT I THINK IT IS A VIOLATION OF THE POLICY AND I THINK IT HAS  
21 TO BE RECOGNIZED. AND ANYTHING-- EVERYTHING THAT WE HAVE DONE  
22 IN ASKING OUR QUESTIONS DOES NOT JUSTIFY, AT THIS POINT IN  
23 TIME, GIVING OUT A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT FOR THIS SORTING  
24 MACHINE. WE HAD MORE THAN ENOUGH TIME TO FOLLOW THE PROCEDURE.  
25 INSTEAD, IT WAS VIOLATED. BUT YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT



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1 NOW BECAUSE WE NEED TO BUY IT. WE NEED TO GET IT READY. WE  
2 NEED TO GET IT READY IN TIME FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY. SO  
3 YOU DIDN'T EVEN GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO FOLLOW OUR VERY OWN  
4 POLICY. SO ALL I CAN SAY IS I'M VERY DISAPPOINTED. BUT I HOPE  
5 THAT WHAT WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING WITH DEPARTMENTS IN THE  
6 FUTURE IS, WHEN THEY REQUEST ANY KIND OF SOLE SOURCE, THERE IS  
7 AN EVALUATION BY THE C.E.O.'S STAFF IN MAKING SURE THAT THIS  
8 IS TRULY A SOLE-- SHOULD BE A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT. BUT I  
9 THINK DEPRIVING OF US AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET A BETTER PRICE FOR  
10 THE TAXPAYERS, TO MAYBE GET BETTER EQUIPMENT, OR ALL OF THAT  
11 IS BECAUSE WE'RE NOT INVOLVED IN THE SELECTION PROCESS. I'M A  
12 GREAT ONE FOR SHOPPING AROUND AND LOOKING FOR BARGAINS ALL OF  
13 THE TIME BUT WHEN YOU HAVE A POLICY IN PLACE THAT REQUIRES US  
14 TO DO SO, I THINK IT SHOULD BE FOLLOWED. SO I'M VOTING AGAINST  
15 THIS ITEM BUT I DON'T THINK THE REST OF THE SUPERVISORS CAN  
16 BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T BEEN GIVEN AN OPTION. WE ARE NOTHING BUT A  
17 RUBBER STAMP FOR SOME OF THE DEPARTMENTS IN THIS REGARD. I'M  
18 DISAPPOINTED.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER DISCUSSION ON 18 OR 67?  
21 IF NOT, I CALL THE ROLL.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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25 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AYE. NOW, WHILE WE'RE UP HERE, CAN  
17 YOU TAKE UP 19 SINCE THEY'RE HERE? IT'S ALSO REGISTRAR SO...

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** SURE.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT WAS ON BOTH 18 AND 67 THAT WE  
22 JUST APPROVED, THAT WAS THE VOTE.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S ON THE SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES. ITEM 19, AS LONG AS THEY'RE  
2   THERE. I JUST WANTED, CONNY, IF YOU COULD GIVE US A UPDATE ON  
3   THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S ANNOUNCEMENT LATE LAST WEEK BASED ON  
4   THEIR REVIEW AND HOW THAT IMPACTS US, THE COUNTY OF LOS  
5   ANGELES?

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7   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** ON THE VOTING SYSTEMS REVIEW?

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9   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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11   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** I'LL TRY. IT'S PRETTY MUDDLED, STILL, WHAT  
12   THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS GOING TO DO. IT'S UNKNOWN AT THIS  
13   POINT IN TIME. SHE HAS SAID THAT SHE WILL MAKE SOME DECISIONS  
14   THIS FRIDAY AND SO WE'LL ALL AWAIT THAT. BUT, IN TERMS OF THE  
15   COUNTY, WE HAVE THREE VOTING SYSTEMS, AS YOU ALL KNOW. WE HAVE  
16   THE EARLY VOTING ON THE DIEBOLD EQUIPMENT AND THAT WAS SUBJECT  
17   TO THE SECRETARY'S REVIEW, THAT SYSTEM. THE OTHER TWO SYSTEMS  
18   THAT WE USE ARE MICROTALLY, INKAVOTE COUNTING SYSTEM THAT  
19   COUNTS ALL OF OUR BALLOTS FROM THE PRECINCTS, WHICH IS 99  
20   PERCENT OF OUR BALLOTS. THAT SYSTEM, BY YOUR OWN AGREEMENT  
21   WITH THE SECRETARY, ON JULY 3RD WILL NOT BE REVIEWED BECAUSE  
22   IT IS ANTICIPATED TO BE REPLACED NEXT YEAR. BUT THERE IS A  
23   NOVEMBER 1ST DEADLINE, WHETHER OR NOT THE SECRETARY CERTIFIES  
24   THE REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT. IF SHE DOES NOT, YOU HAVE AN  
25   AGREEMENT WITH HER WE CAN CONTINUE TO USE THE CURRENT SYSTEM.



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1 IN TERMS OF THE INKAVOTE PLUS EQUIPMENT THAT'S AT EVERY  
2 POLLING PLACE FOR THE VOTER TO PUT THEIR BALLOT INTO FOR HELP  
3 AMERICA VOTE ACT COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL LAW, THE  
4 SECRETARY HAS SAID SHE'S GOING TO CONTINUE TO REVIEW THAT  
5 EQUIPMENT BUT IT WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE CURRENT PROCESS OF  
6 THE REVIEW THAT SHE IS UNDERGOING NOW WITH THE THREE OTHER  
7 SYSTEMS. SO IT IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME WHEN SHE MIGHT REVIEW  
8 THAT SYSTEM.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO, AS FAR AS THE COUNTY'S  
11 ELECTION IN THE NEXT ELECTION WE'RE GOING TO RUN IS FEBRUARY?

12

13 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** ACTUALLY, THE NEXT ELECTION WE'RE GOING TO  
14 RUN IS AUGUST 21ST WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL RUNOFF ELECTION FOR  
15 THE 37TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FOLLOWED BY THE LYNWOOD  
16 ELECTION SEPTEMBER 25TH, FOLLOWED BY A LARGE ELECTION NOVEMBER  
17 6TH, 2007, WITH ALMOST 1,000 PRECINCT FOR THE CITIES AND  
18 SCHOOL BOARDS, FOLLOWED BY THE FEBRUARY ELECTION. SO WE'RE IN  
19 CONSTANT ELECTION CYCLE THIS YEAR AND NEXT. AND THREE  
20 STATEWIDE NEXT YEAR.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** TAKE THE AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER  
23 ELECTIONS WHICH ARE SMALL BUT COMING UP, WE KNOW WHAT  
24 EQUIPMENT WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO USE FOR THOSE?

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1   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** YES. WE'RE USING THE EQUIPMENT THAT'S ALREADY  
2   BEEN CERTIFIED BY THE PREVIOUS SECRETARY OF STATE AND WILL  
3   REMAIN CERTIFIED UNLESS THE CURRENT SECRETARY MAKES A DECISION  
4   OTHERWISE ALL THE WAY THROUGH THIS NOVEMBER. THE LAWS SAYS--  
5   AND THE REASON THAT SHE HAS SAID THAT SHE'S ESTABLISHING THIS  
6   FRIDAY AS HER DEADLINE IS THAT SHOULD SHE DECIDE TO DECERTIFY  
7   ANY VOTING EQUIPMENT, IT HAS TO BE SIX MONTHS BEFORE THAT  
8   WOULD TAKE EFFECT. SO FRIDAY IS EXACTLY SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE  
9   FEBRUARY PRIMARY.

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11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO YOU EXPECT SOME KIND OF A  
12   RULING OR STATEMENT FROM HER THIS FRIDAY?

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14   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THE SECRETARY HAS SAID SHE WILL. THAT'S WHAT  
15   SHE HAS SAID.

16

17   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. AND THERE'S NO POINT...

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19   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** BUT IT WOULD ONLY INVOLVE THE DIEBOLD  
20   EQUIPMENT FOR OUR EARLY VOTING. THAT WAS THE ONLY ONE OF THE  
21   THREE SYSTEMS WE USE THAT SHE IS LOOKING AT RIGHT NOW. IN  
22   TERMS OF THE OTHER TWO SYSTEMS, SHOULD SHE LOOK AT THEM LATER  
23   AND MAKE DECISIONS, THERE WOULD STILL BE A SIX MONTH FROM THAT  
24   DATE IN TIME.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND SHE COULD DECERTIFY THE  
2    DIEBOLD-- THE DIEBOLD TECHNOLOGY THAT APPLIES TO OUR EARLY  
3    VOTING METHODOLOGY? OR OUR EARLY VOTING EQUIPMENT, CORRECT?

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5    **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, SHE COULD...

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7    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SHE COULD.

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9    **CONNY MCCORMACK:** ...IF SHE WANTED TO. OR SHE ALSO HAS TALKED  
10    ABOUT IMPOSING ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS.

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12    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ON THAT EQUIPMENT.

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14    **CONNY MCCORMACK:** FOR POTENTIALLY MORE MANUAL COUNTING. AGAIN,  
15    I CAN'T REALLY RESPOND BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW. BUT I'D BE GLAD  
16    TO WRITE A REPORT AND I THINK COUNTY COUNSEL HAS BEEN KEEPING  
17    YOU ADVISED THAT WE WILL ADVISE YOU OF WHAT WE THINK THE  
18    REPERCUSSIONS ARE.

19

20    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? THANK  
21    YOU. ITEM 19 IS BEFORE US. WELL, I GUESS THE QUESTION I HAD,  
22    CONNY, BEFORE YOU-- APPROVING THIS, THIS DIEBOLD CONTRACT IS  
23    FOR...

24



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1   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** ABSENTEE VOTING, WHICH IS NOT PART-- IT'S NOT  
2   A TABULATION. IT'S A SORTING EQUIPMENT SO IT DOESN'T HAVE  
3   ANY...

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5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO IT'S NOT RELATED TO ANY OF THE  
6   SECRETARY OF STATE'S REVIEWS?

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8   **CONNY MCCORMACK:** CORRECT, IT'S NOT RELATED TO ANY PURVIEW OF  
9   THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

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11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANKS, THAT CLARIFIES THAT.  
12   SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES, I'LL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
13   UNANIMOUS VOTE ON ITEM 19. GLORIA, YOU'RE STILL UP.

14

15   **SUP. MOLINA:** ITEM 57. DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES. AGAIN  
16   ON THIS ONE, ON ITEM 57, I HAD ASKED THAT WE APPROVE THE  
17   SETTLEMENT AND THAT WE CONTINUE THE CORRECTIVE ACTION TO GET A  
18   RESPONSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT WENT AHEAD AND  
19   SCHEDULED THIS BUT THEY HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE CORRECTIVE  
20   ACTION AND I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT WHY WE'RE SCHEDULING A  
21   CORRECTIVE ACTION WHEN THEY HAVEN'T EVEN FINISHED IT. THE  
22   INVESTIGATION'S NOT COMPLETE. WE HAVE BEEN ASKING QUESTIONS  
23   ABOUT THIS. AND MY CONCERN IS THAT-- AND AGAIN, UNDER THIS NEW  
24   PROCESS WITH THE C.E.O., WE REALLY NEED TO LOOK AT THIS. IF,  
25   IN FACT, WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS, WE REALLY NEED TO



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1 LOOK AT THESE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS. I MEAN, HERE IS SOMEBODY, A  
2 CHILD WHO WAS VIOLATED AND IN THE INVESTIGATION, THEY JUST  
3 LOOKED AT THAT PERIOD IN TIME. IF THIS SOCIAL WORKER WASN'T  
4 ABLE TO ASSIST THIS CHILD AND WE LOST THIS LAWSUIT, WE HAVE TO  
5 WONDER HOW SHE, THE SUPERVISOR, THE DEPARTMENT SUPERVISING  
6 HER, ARE DOING IN PROTECTING OTHER CHILDREN BECAUSE SHE JUST  
7 DOESN'T SUPERVISE OR MANAGE ONE CASE. AND I THINK THAT THE  
8 DEPARTMENT IS TELLING US THAT THEY NEED ADDITIONAL 90 DAYS TO  
9 COMPLETE THE ENTIRE REVIEW PROCESS. SO I'M GOING TO ASK THAT  
10 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO OCTOBER THE 30TH OF THIS YEAR. BUT I  
11 REALLY THINK THAT THE DEPARTMENT-- THAT THE C.E.O. NEEDS TO  
12 LOOK AT IT AS TO HOW THESE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS ARE COMING BACK.  
13 THE INTENT IS TO REALLY MAKE SURE WE'RE FIXING WHATEVER  
14 PROBLEMS WE HAVE. AND, IN THIS INSTANCE, THE PROBLEM WAS THAT  
15 WE HAD A SOCIAL WORKER WHO DID NOT VISIT THE CHILD, WHICH  
16 CONSEQUENTLY LED TO HER BEING HURT AND LED TO A LAWSUIT THAT  
17 WE HAD TO SETTLE. BUT MY CONCERN IS NOT JUST THE SOCIAL  
18 WORKER. WHAT ABOUT THE SUPERVISOR AND THE RESPONSIBILITY? SO I  
19 THINK THAT THESE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO HOPEFULLY MAKE  
20 CORRECTIONS WITHIN OUR SYSTEM SO IT DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN. SO  
21 IT ISN'T JUST PAYING OFF A LAWSUIT AND THEN LOOKING AT  
22 DISCIPLINING THEM FOR THAT ONE PERIOD OF TIME BUT LOOKING AT  
23 THE WHOLE AND THE ENTIRE ACTION. SO I THINK THAT'S PLENTY OF  
24 TIME, 90 DAYS, FOR EVERYBODY TO GET TOGETHER AND TRY TO FIGURE  
25 OUT HOW TO SORT THIS OUT. MARTHA IN MY OFFICE HAS SUBMITTED A



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1   SERIES OF QUESTIONS TO TRISH AND HER DEPARTMENT ON FOLLOW-UPS  
2   AND IN PARTICULAR HOW TO DEAL WITH MANY OF OUR F.F.A. ISSUES  
3   WITHIN THE DEPARTMENTS AND THIS ONE HAS BEEN A PARTICULAR  
4   PROBLEM, ALTHOUGH HOPEFULLY IT IS UNIQUE BUT IT MAY NOT BE  
5   UNIQUE. SO I'M ASKING THAT THAT ITEM BE CONTINUED WITH THE  
6   IDEA THAT IT'S GOING TO COME BACK COMPLETE AND THOROUGH.

7

8   **SUP. KNABE:** [ INAUDIBLE ]

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10   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, THE SETTLEMENT WAS APPROVED A WHILE AGO. THIS  
11   WAS A RETURN OF THE CORRECTIVE ACTION. IT IS NOT EVEN  
12   COMPLETE. SO I'D LIKE TO HAVE A FULL AND COMPLETE CORRECTIVE  
13   ACTION WITH AN APPRECIATION AND UNDERSTANDING HOW THE  
14   DEPARTMENT'S GOING TO HANDLE IT. SO JUST TELLING US THAT  
15   THEY'RE IN THE PROCESS OF INVESTIGATING IS NOT A COMPLETE AND  
16   CORRECTIVE ACTION.

17

18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO  
19   THAT? IF NOT, THAT'LL BE THE ORDER ON 57 UNTIL OCTOBER 30TH.

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21   **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT.

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23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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25   **SUP. MOLINA:** THE LAST ONE I HAVE IS ITEM NUMBER 68.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 68. WE HAVE A COUPLE OF  
3 PEOPLE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD FIRST. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL AND  
4 KAREN OCAMB. YEAH, THAT'S FINE. WE'LL HEAR THE REPORT FIRST  
5 AND THEN THEY WANT TO COMMENT AFTERWARDS, WHICH MAKES SENSE.  
6 SO WHY DON'T YOU START, GLORIA?

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. WELL, AGAIN, I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THIS  
9 ISSUE. I APPRECIATE THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S EFFORT IN HIS CLAIM  
10 THAT THE WAY WE'VE BEEN PRESENTING THESE ITEMS IN THE PAST HAS  
11 REALLY LED TO A SERIES OF SITUATIONS IN WHICH WE WERE GIVING  
12 OUR LEGAL STRATEGY TO OTHER PLAINTIFFS THAT ARE SUING US ON A  
13 REGULAR BASIS. BUT I'M CURIOUS ON TWO GROUNDS. ONE, ANY TIME  
14 THERE IS A CHANGE LIKE THAT, I REALLY WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOU  
15 DO IT IN CONCERT WITH US. I MEAN, WE'RE THE ONES THAT ARE  
16 BEING INFORMED, WE'RE THE POLICYMAKERS. SO, CONSEQUENTLY, IF  
17 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE ANY CHANGE WHATSOEVER IN ANY WAY-- AND I  
18 THINK WE'VE TALKED ABOUT IT BEFORE WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT THE  
19 LITIGATION COST MANAGER'S REPORT, WHEN THERE'S A CHANGE OF  
20 FORMAT, I THINK YOU REALLY NEED-- WE'RE THE ONES THAT ARE  
21 READING IT. AND ALL WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH IN ANY DEPARTMENT IN  
22 ORDER TO MAKE ANY KIND OF DECISION IS THE INFORMATION THAT'S  
23 PROVIDED US. SO IF YOU'RE GOING TO CHANGE A FORMAT OR EVEN  
24 LIMIT THE INFORMATION THAT'S PASSED, THAT'S BEEN GIVEN US TO  
25 IN THE PAST, I THINK YOU NEED TO LET US KNOW. I MEAN, YOU



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1 KNOW, WHETHER WE'RE GOING TO AGREE WITH YOU OR NOT CAN BE A  
2 DIFFERENT ISSUE. BUT NOW I WANT TO ALSO TAKE ISSUE WITH THE  
3 ARGUMENT THAT YOU MADE FOR A CHANGE. I HAD ASKED FOR EXAMPLES  
4 OF WHAT CASES OR WHERE DO YOU THINK THAT PROVIDING THIS KIND  
5 OF INFORMATION MAY HAVE HURT US IN THIS LITIGATION? AND I  
6 DIDN'T GET THAT AS A RESPONSE.

7

8 **RAYMOND FORTNER, COUNSEL.:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I  
9 DON'T HAVE THE CASE NAMES HERE BUT I ASKED MY STAFF TO PUT  
10 TOGETHER SOME OF THE ANECDOTAL EVIDENCE THAT SUPPORTS THIS.  
11 FOR EXAMPLE, A CASE IN WHICH WE MADE AN OFFER TO SETTLE. THE  
12 PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY WAS AWARE OF ANOTHER CASE THAT HE FELT  
13 BASED PARTICULARLY ON THE CLAIMS BOARD MEMO AND THE  
14 STRATEGY...

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW BUT DO THEY HAVE A CASE? YOU CAN TELL ME?

17

18 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** I DON'T HAVE THE CASE NAME HERE. I  
19 DIDN'T REALIZE THAT YOU WANTED A SPECIFIC WRITTEN REPORT ON  
20 THE EXAMPLES AS OPPOSED TO...

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WILL TAKE AN ORAL REPORT.

23

24 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** AND SO WE WILL SUPPLEMENT THAT BUT  
25 THESE SPECIFIC ANECDOTAL INCIDENTS, TO US, IN A WAY, REPRESENT





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1 THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG. IT'S WHAT WE-- WE KNOW WHAT IS GOING  
2 ON BUT WE DON'T GET TO SEE IT. BUT THE CLAIMS BOARD MEMORANDA  
3 HOW IN THE-- WITH OUR STRATEGY, ET CETERA, OUT IN THE  
4 PLAINTIFF'S BAR, COMMUNITY, PROVIDE THEM WITH AN ABILITY TO  
5 JUST ASSERT A FLOOR. AND, FRANKLY, IT DOESN'T SURPRISE ME  
6 THAT, MOST TIMES, THEY DON'T COME TO US AND SAY, "WE KNOW  
7 YOU'VE SETTLED ANOTHER CASE FOR \$100,000 AND I HAVE A SIMILAR  
8 CASE AND I WANT \$150,000 OR THAT SAME 100,000." TO ME, THE  
9 SMARTER PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY DOESN'T PLAY THAT CARD. HE JUST  
10 STARTS WITH THAT FLOOR, KNOWING THAT THAT'S WHERE WE'VE BEEN  
11 BEFORE. AND SO IT IS A LITTLE BIT TRYING TO PROVE A NEGATIVE  
12 IN THAT SENSE BUT THERE ARE SOME ANECDOTAL EVIDENCE IN CASES  
13 IN WHICH IT HAS HAPPENED THROUGH OUR ADJUSTER CARL WARREN HAS  
14 SOME RIMIS NOTES ON A CASE, FOR EXAMPLE, WHERE THIS OCCURRED  
15 AND SOME OTHERS AND I'LL PROVIDE THE SPECIFICS OF THOSE TO  
16 YOU.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** RAY, LOOK, WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO IS FIND SOME  
19 MIDDLE GROUND. I CAN APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING BECAUSE I  
20 WOULD MAKE AN ASSUMPTION THAT A LAWYER WOULD USE THAT AS A  
21 STRATEGY. BUT IT'S NOT FAR IF I, AS A LAWYER, WERE GOING TO  
22 USE THAT AS A STRATEGY TO GO FIGURE OUT BECAUSE ALL OF OUR  
23 SETTLEMENTS ARE PUBLIC RECORDS, ANYWAY. I MEAN, HOW MANY  
24 PEOPLE HAVE, YOU KNOW, TRIPPED OVER SIDEWALKS AND WHAT HAVE



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1 BEEN THE SETTLEMENTS? I MEAN, THAT'S NOT A HARD THING TO  
2 FIGURE OUT.

3

4 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** AND THE FACTUAL INFORMATION, I AGREE  
5 WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR, IS NOT A PROBLEM. AND THE DECISION THAT  
6 I TOOK NOT ONLY TRIED TO GUARD OUR LEGAL STRATEGY, WHICH I  
7 THINK CAN BE HELPFUL TO THE OTHER SIDE, BUT IT ALSO TOOK AWAY  
8 THE OPENNESS THAT YOUR BOARD HAS TRIED TO MAINTAIN AND THAT'S  
9 WHY IN OUR REPORT WE HAVE RECOMMENDED A DIFFERENT...

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, FIRST OF ALL, I THINK THERE NEEDS TO BE A  
12 JUSTIFICATION AND I DON'T THINK YOU'VE GOTTEN IT TO US. I  
13 MEAN, JUST ANECDOTAL, THAT MIGHT BE FINE BUT I DO THINK--  
14 BECAUSE THIS IS THE ISSUE. THE ISSUE IS THIS IS NOT OUR MONEY.  
15 THIS IS TAXPAYER MONEY. WE ARE SETTLING THESE THINGS ON BEHALF  
16 OF TAXPAYERS. THE REASON THAT WE'RE SETTLING THEM IS BECAUSE,  
17 IN MANY INSTANCES, GOING TO COURT MORE THAN LIKELY WE WOULD  
18 END UP PAYING MORE. SO WE ARE TRYING TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT  
19 WHERE WE ARE HOPEFULLY SAVING TAXPAYER MONEY BY EITHER NOT  
20 LITIGATING A CASE TO THE VERY END, NOT GOING TO COURT,  
21 POTENTIALLY GETTING MAYBE A LARGER JUDGMENT AGAINST US. I  
22 APPRECIATE THAT. BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE PARTNERS WITH  
23 THE PUBLIC AND OUR TAXPAYERS AND THEY NEED TO KNOW EXACTLY  
24 WHAT WE ARE DOING. SO THAT'S THE PROBLEM I HAVE. AGAIN, THESE  
25 HAVE BEEN HELPFUL TO ME. AND MOST OF THEM, WHEN I RECEIVE



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1    THEM, I EVEN HAVE MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT SOME OF THE FACTS. WHY  
2    DID WE DO THAT? I ASKED QUESTIONS ON A CASE MORE RECENTLY THE  
3    OTHER DAY ON A CASE AS TO WHY AND WHO MADE THE DETERMINATION  
4    THAT THE ONLY WAY WE COULD PROVIDE THE SETTLEMENT TO THIS  
5    WOMAN IS IF SHE QUIT. I MEAN, I WANTED TO KNOW THE RATIONALE  
6    FOR THAT AND WHO MADE THOSE KINDS OF DECISIONS. SO USUALLY  
7    THOSE MEMOS JUST MAKE ME MORE INQUISITIVE OF OTHER KINDS OF  
8    ISSUES AND A LOT OF IT HAS TO DO BECAUSE I WANT TO UNDERSTAND  
9    THE FRAMEWORK OF POLICY THAT WE'RE FOLLOWING ON SOME OF THIS.  
10    SO I REALLY DO THINK THAT YOU OWE US SOME FORM OF  
11    JUSTIFICATION OTHER THAN JUST SAYING, "WELL, WE THINK THAT,  
12    YOU KNOW, PLAINTIFF SPARS MAY DO THIS." I AM ONE THAT I THINK  
13    THAT IT'S A FINE LINE AND THERE ARE PEOPLE HERE THAT MIGHT BE,  
14    "FINE, DON'T LET THE PUBLIC KNOW THIS." BUT, ON THE OTHER  
15    HAND, ONE OF THE BIGGEST REASONS THAT WE LOSE SO MANY CASES OR  
16    ARE WORRIED OF GOING BEFORE A JURY IS BECAUSE MANY OF THESE  
17    JURIES JUST HOLD US RESPONSIBLE FOR A WHOLE BUNCH OF STUFF  
18    AND, UNFORTUNATELY, THAT IS ONE OF THE REASONS THAT, IF THIS  
19    GOES TO A JURY, WE THINK THAT THEY'RE GOING TO AWARD AND I  
20    HEAR THAT OFTEN ENOUGH FROM MY LAWYERS TO LET ME KNOW. SO  
21    MAYBE YOU SHOULD LET THE PUBLIC KNOW WHAT KIND OF SETTLEMENTS  
22    ARE COMING DOWN AND WHAT THEY'RE PAYING OUT SO THAT, WHEN THEY  
23    RESPONSIBLY SIT ON A JURY, IT WON'T BE A SIT THERE AND SOME  
24    KIND OF A RUBBER STAMP AND GO ALONG THE GET-ALONG KIND OF  
25    THING BUT REALLY, LOOK AT THESE ISSUES BECAUSE, AFTER ALL, IT



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1 IS THEIR MONEY. IT IS COMING OUT OF-- IT IS LIKE THEIR VERY  
2 OWN MONEY BECAUSE THESE ARE LAWSUITS AGAINST THE PUBLIC, IN  
3 MANY INSTANCES. SO I REALLY DO THINK WE NEED A JUSTIFICATION.  
4 I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE YOU TO WRITE SUCH A MEMO.  
5 IF IT HAS TO BE PRIVILEGED TO US, THAT WOULD BE FINE. BUT I  
6 NEED TO KNOW WHY-- WHAT IS IT EXACTLY. I COULD UNDERSTAND  
7 THAT, SURE, YOU KNOW, YOU GET SO MANY OF THESE BUT IT'S  
8 ALREADY PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MOST PART. SECOND OF ALL, THE  
9 OTHER PART OF IT THAT WE HAVE TO BE IN PARTNER WITH THE PUBLIC  
10 IS THE ISSUE OF WHEN WE APPROVE THESE SETTLEMENTS, WHAT DO WE  
11 DO WITH THEM? DO WE SAY, OH, THERE GOES ANOTHER LAWSUIT.  
12 THAT'S JUST THE NATURE OF THE WORK THAT WE DO. OR DO WE  
13 UNDERTAKE SOME RESPONSIBILITY TO FIX WHATEVER THE PROBLEM WAS?  
14 I JUST TALKED ABOUT A CORRECTIVE ACTION EARLIER AND, IN THIS  
15 INSTANCE, WHEN WE LOOKED AT IT, NOTHING CAME WITH IT. THERE  
16 WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A CORRECTIVE ACTION BUT WHAT HAPPENED? DID  
17 THEY REVIEW THIS SOCIAL WORKER? HER SUPERVISOR, HER  
18 SUPERVISOR'S SUPERVISOR? IF SHE'S NOT VISITING A FOSTER CHILD  
19 AS THEY HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO, THEN THEY ARE VIOLATING THE  
20 VERY RESPONSIBILITY, THE EMPOWERMENT THAT WE GIVE THESE SOCIAL  
21 WORKERS, IN MANY INSTANCES, TO TELL THE COURTS TO REMOVE A  
22 CHILD FROM A FAMILY MEMBER OR TO PLACE THEM IN THE HOME OF A  
23 FOSTER FAMILY THAT MAY ENDANGER THEIR LIVES. WE HAVE TO TRUST  
24 THOSE EMPLOYEES. SO WHEN THEY VIOLATE A PROCESS THAT IS, I  
25 THINK, VERY SACRED TO THE WHOLE PROCESS OF FOSTER CARE, THEN



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1 WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO TO CORRECT IT. IN THE  
2 PREVIEWS THAT YOU GAVE ME, REMEMBER, I GAVE YOU THE FOUR CASES  
3 THAT I WANTED YOU TO DRAFT BACK TO TELL ME HOW THAT WOULD BE  
4 DIFFERENT? I HAD A REAL CONCERN WITH SOME OF THEM AS TO WHAT  
5 WAS COMING BACK TO US BECAUSE IT DOESN'T CLEARLY STATE WHAT  
6 THE CASE WAS AND I'M TRYING TO REMEMBER THE CASE'S NAME BUT A  
7 PERFECT EXAMPLE IS, I GUESS, MR. ORTEGA. IN MR. ORTEGA'S CASE,  
8 YOU JUST SAID THAT JAIL PERSONNEL FAILED TO PROVIDE MR. ORTEGA  
9 WITH DIABETIC MEDICATIONS AT THE TIME OF HIS RELEASE. WELL,  
10 THE REALITY IS, YOU KNOW, MR. ORTEGA RECEIVED AN AMPUTATION IN  
11 OUR JAIL FACILITY. WHEN HE WAS RELEASED, HE WAS RELEASED WITH  
12 NO DIABETIC MEDICATION. HE LAID OUT IN THE LOBBY FOR THREE  
13 DAYS, IN THE SHERIFF'S LOBBY, AND THEN HE DIED ON OUR  
14 PREMISES. NOW, THOSE ARE A LOT OF FACTS THAT HAVE BEEN LEFT  
15 OUT FOR ME, AS A POLICY MAKER, TO MAKE A DETERMINATION TO SAY,  
16 WELL, WAIT A MINUTE, THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN THE FACT THAT HE  
17 DIDN'T RECEIVE HIS DIABETIC MEDICATION. THERE'S A LOT OF  
18 PEOPLE THAT SHOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE FACT THAT MR.  
19 ORTEGA LAID IN THAT LOBBY ALL THAT TIME, FOR THREE DAYS,  
20 WITHOUT THE KIND OF INSULIN AND THE KIND OF MEDICATIONS THAT  
21 HE NEEDED JUST TO SURVIVE AND DIED. SO THAT CONCERNS ME  
22 BECAUSE THEN I, AS A POLICY MAKER, DON'T HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY  
23 TO MAKE ANY EVALUATION AS TO WHAT A CORRECTIVE ACTION WOULD  
24 BE. AND THIS IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE WHERE THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN  
25 A SERIES OF CORRECTIVE ACTIONS. AND, UNFORTUNATELY, AS WE WERE



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1 TOLD BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AT THE TIME, THERE WERE SO  
2 MANY PEOPLE INVOLVED THAT WE COULDN'T DISCIPLINE ANYONE  
3 BECAUSE THERE WERE JUST TOO MANY PEOPLE INVOLVED. THAT WAS THE  
4 CORRECTIVE ACTION OF THE DAY. BUT I REALLY THINK THAT, IN THIS  
5 INSTANCE, AGAIN, YOU NEED TO BE MUCH CLEARER OF SOME OF THE  
6 FACTS. THE FACTS AREN'T JUST THAT. THE FACTS AREN'T AS WE KNOW  
7 IN THIS CASE AND I THINK THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO KNOW THAT  
8 BECAUSE THEY ALSO NEED TO HOLD US ACCOUNTABLE. WE EMPOWER OUR  
9 DEPUTIES TO CARRY OUT THIS WORK. WE PROVIDE THEM WITH THE  
10 BUDGET AND THE DOLLARS TO CARRY OUT THE RESPONSIBILITY.  
11 CONSTITUENTS, VOTERS, EMPOWER ME TO HAVE THIS RESPONSIBILITY  
12 TO OVERSEE THESE ISSUES. SO, CONSEQUENTLY, WE NEED TO WORK IN  
13 PARTNERSHIP. SO I'M A BIT CONCERNED AND I'D LIKE TO HEAR YOUR  
14 RESPONSE, FIRST OF ALL ON THE JUSTIFICATION ISSUE AND SECOND  
15 OF ALL ON WHETHER YOU AGREE WITH ME OR NOT AT LEAST ON  
16 PRESENTING SOME OF THE FACTS. FACTS ARE FACTS. THESE AREN'T  
17 JUST PLAIN ALLEGATIONS. THESE ARE FACTS. THE MAIN LAID OUT  
18 THERE FOR THREE DAYS. SHOULD THIS BOARD KNOW THAT OR SHOULD  
19 THEY NOT KNOW THAT, MR. FORTNER?

20

21 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WELL, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THERE ARE  
22 REALLY THREE PIECES TO THIS AND THE ONE PIECE WE'VE BEEN  
23 DISCUSSING WITH THE DOCUMENTS THAT WERE ATTACHED TO MY MEMO OF  
24 THE 26TH ARE THE PROPOSED TYPE OF PUBLIC RELEASE WE WOULD HAVE  
25 BUT IT IS CERTAINLY NOT THE DOCUMENT THAT WOULD BE BEHIND IT.



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1 THIS IS NOT THE SUBSTITUTE FOR THE CLAIMS BOARD MEMO. THERE  
2 WOULD BE A DETAILED MEMO WITH THE FACTS AND OUR LEGAL ANALYSIS  
3 IN IT THAT WOULD BE SENT TO YOU AS AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT  
4 COMMUNICATION. THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PIECE IS THE THIRD PIECE  
5 TO ALL OF THIS. AND WHILE I AGREE WITH YOU THAT A CORRECTIVE  
6 ACTION SHOULD AND NEEDS TO TAKE PLACE AND IT NEEDS TO TAKE  
7 PLACE EARLY ON, FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE VERY INCIDENT, AND I  
8 THINK IN THE C.E.O. RISK MANAGEMENT GUIDE THAT THEY TALK ABOUT  
9 THE PROCESS STARTING AT THAT TIME AND THE CORRECTIVE ACTION  
10 SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT AND THAT WILL END UP REDUCING OUR RISK  
11 ULTIMATELY AND OUR TOTAL LIABILITIES. BUT IT IS REALLY  
12 INDEPENDENT FROM THE LEGAL ANALYSIS OF TRYING TO GET THE BEST  
13 SETTLEMENT OR GO TO TRIAL ON THE BEST FOOTING IN A PARTICULAR  
14 CASE. THAT PROCESS SHOULD GO ON AND NOT JUST LEVEL WITH WHAT  
15 WE'RE DOING.

16  
17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT CONCEPT BUT LET ME UNDERSTAND  
18 WHAT YOU JUST SAID TO ME. FIRST OF ALL, YOU STILL HAVEN'T DONE  
19 THE JUSTIFICATION, WHICH I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO GET A RESPONSE  
20 OF. AND SECOND OF ALL, YOU'RE SAYING TO ME THAT, UNDER  
21 SEPARATE COVER, WE'RE GOING TO GET A CONFIDENTIAL MEMO WITH  
22 REGARD TO THAT LEGAL STRATEGY AND ALL OF THE FACTS, IS THAT  
23 CORRECT?





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1   **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT. AND FRANKLY IF  
2   WE...

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4   **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THE PUBLIC WILL NOT AT THE END OF THE DAY?

5

6   **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THAT WOULD BE UP TO YOUR BOARD. I AM  
7   YOUR ATTORNEY. AND, IN MY JUDGMENT, IT IS BEST TO SEND A  
8   SETTLEMENT RECOMMENDATION TO YOU AS AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT  
9   COMMUNICATION FOR YOU TO DEAL WITH BUT THE PRIVILEGE  
10   ASSOCIATED WITH THAT COMMUNICATION IS NOT MINE, IT'S YOURS,  
11   AND YOU'RE FREE TO DO WITH THE DOCUMENTS AS YOU CHOOSE.

12

13   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT IF, IN FACT, WHEN WE  
14   DO NOT HAVE-- WHEN THE PUBLIC DOESN'T HAVE ALL OF THOSE FACTS,  
15   HOW ARE THEY GOING TO-- I MEAN, THERE'S ACCOUNTABILITY THAT  
16   GOES ON, AS WELL, FROM THE PUBLIC IN SCRUTINIZING OVER IT. I  
17   DON'T THINK YOU NEED TO GIVE THEM THE LEGAL STRATEGY. I WOULD  
18   AGREE. BUT, AT THE END OF THE DAY, THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING  
19   ABOUT THE FACTS IN THIS CASE THAT ARE PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC,  
20   AS WELL.

21

22   **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WELL, I THINK THAT MAY WELCOME ABOUT  
23   AS A RESULT OF THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PROCESS. AT SOME POINT,  
24   THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. NOW, THERE  
25   ARE CERTAIN STATUTORY AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS WHERE THAT MAY



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1 NOT BE POSSIBLE OR SPECIFICS THAT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE BECAUSE  
2 OF PERSONNEL OR OTHER CONCERNS. BUT, BY AND LARGE, IT'S IN  
3 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS, NOT IN OUR SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THAT'S THE ISSUE. MOST CORRECTIVE ACTIONS--  
6 RIGHT. MOST CORRECTIVE ACTIONS ARE NOT AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY  
7 DO INVOLVE PERSONNEL AND DISCIPLINE AND, BY LAW, THEY CANNOT  
8 SEE THOSE THINGS. BUT I'M TALKING MORE SO ABOUT SOME OF THE  
9 FACTS. FOR EXAMPLE, I THINK THAT, AGAIN, IN THE ORTEGA CASE, I  
10 MEAN SHOULD NOT THE PUBLIC KNOW THAT THIS MAN WASN'T JUST  
11 DIDN'T GET HIS MEDICATION, I MEAN, IT MAKES IT SOUND LIKE HE  
12 WAS SITTING IN BED AND A NURSE PASSED HIM BY AND HE DIDN'T GET  
13 HIS MEDICATION SO HE DIED. AS COMPARED TO, WE RELEASED HIM  
14 AFTER WE HAD DONE AN AMPUTATION. WE RELEASED HIM. NOBODY CAME  
15 TO PICK HIM UP. HE SAT IN THE LOBBY FOR THREE DAYS. NOBODY  
16 LOOKED AT HIM. NOBODY CHECKED IN ON HIM. AND HE DIED. THAT'S A  
17 VERY DIFFERENT SET OF FACTS.

18

19 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WELL IT IS, I SUPPOSE, JUST A MATTER  
20 OF AT WHAT POINT DO YOU DECIDE OR DRAW THE LINE OF WHETHER TO  
21 PUT A PARTICULAR FACTS IN OR FACTS OUT. FACTS MAY BE IN  
22 DISPUTE. WHETHER OR NOT ANYONE CHECKED ON HIM, THAT'S...

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THAT'S NOT IN DISPUTE. BUT WAIT, WAIT, WAIT.  
25 THAT'S NOT IN DISPUTE.



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2 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** I DON'T KNOW HOW DETAILED YOU WANT TO  
3 GET. YOU CAN BECOME AS DETAILED AS YOU WANT.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, NO, NO. WHETHER HE WAS RELEASED WITHOUT HIS  
6 MEDICATION AND DIED IS ONE THING. WHETHER HE SAT IN THE LOBBY  
7 OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THREE DAYS IS NOT A DISPUTED  
8 FACT. MR. FORTNER, I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND.

9

10 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THERE IS A SENTENCE-- I WAS READING  
11 THE SENTENCE, I'M SORRY, THAT YOU'VE BEEN REFERRING TO.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY.

14

15 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** IT'S JUST A QUESTION OF HOW DETAILED  
16 DO YOU WANT? WE'RE NOT TRYING TO HIDE ANYTHING BY LIMITING THE  
17 DETAILS BUT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE YOU MAKE A DECISION AS TO  
18 HOW DETAILED DO YOU GET? AND HERE IT WAS THAT WE FAILED. NOT  
19 ONLY DIDN'T GIVE HIM HIS MEDICATION BUT FAILED TO SUMMON  
20 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE WHEN IT WAS NOTICED THAT HE NEEDED MEDICAL  
21 ATTENTION.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I GUESS THE ISSUE IS, FOR ME, AND THIS IS  
24 WHAT I WANT TO UNDERSTAND, I'M ONLY EMPOWERED BY THE POWER  
25 THAT I HAVE BY MY VOTERS. AND THEY NEED TO KNOW HOW I MAKE



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1 DECISIONS, RIGHT, WHETHER I'M EFFECTIVE OR NOT. I ONLY CAN  
2 MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON THE FACTS THAT ARE PRESENTED TO ME.  
3 AND, AS MUCH OF THAT WOULD BE BETTER IF VOTERS, IF PEOPLE KNOW  
4 WHAT IS GOING ON IN THESE THINGS BECAUSE I'M EMPOWERED TO  
5 CARRY OUT THIS WORK. AND MY CONCERN IS THAT WE SHOULD AT  
6 LEAST, AGAIN, I DON'T WANT TO GIVE ROOM FOR PLAINTIFFS' BAR TO  
7 COME IN HERE AND BEAT US EVERY SINGLE TIME BECAUSE WE'RE OUT  
8 THERE, YOU KNOW, LETTING THEM KNOW EXACTLY WHAT OUR STRATEGY'S  
9 GOING TO BE IN EVERY CASE. I DON'T WANT TO DO THAT. BUT THERE  
10 IS A LIMITATION, AS WELL, AS TO WHETHER YOU'RE SHARING  
11 ANYTHING WITH THEM. NOW, A GOOD DEAL OF THIS IS PUBLIC RECORD,  
12 ANYWAY, IF THEY SHOULD CHOOSE, IF THE PUBLIC CHOOSES TO GO AND  
13 INVESTIGATE A CASE AND COME UP WITH THEIR OWN ANALYSIS AND SO  
14 ON. IN THIS INSTANCE, WE ARE MAKING DETERMINATIONS. WE, ON  
15 BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC, ARE MAKING DETERMINATIONS ON SETTLEMENT  
16 AND RATIONALE. GRANTED, THEY DON'T NEED TO KNOW THE LEGAL  
17 STRATEGY FOR IT BUT THEY MIGHT NEED TO KNOW THE FACTS OF THE  
18 CASE AS TO WHY WE SETTLED IT. I MEAN, BECAUSE SOMEBODY DIDN'T  
19 GET THEIR MEDICATION, I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S WORTH THAT OR NOT.  
20 WE HAVE A JUDGMENT RIGHT NOW THAT I GUESS WE'RE GOING TO GO  
21 INTO CLOSED SESSION TO TALK ABOUT THAT IS UNBELIEVABLE.  
22 UNBELIEVABLE WHAT THE JUDGMENT WAS ON THAT CASE FOR A QUOTE  
23 "ACCIDENT". AND I THINK THAT SOMETIMES THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO  
24 KNOW WHAT WE ARE PAYING OUT AND WHY. WE'VE DONE OUR DUE  
25 DILIGENCE FROM THE STANDPOINT OF LEGALLY TRYING TO PRESENT THE



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1   FACTS TO THE COURTS BUT A JURY DETERMINED THAT, NO, IT DOESN'T  
2   MATTER. EVEN THOUGH IT WAS "AN ACCIDENT", YOU'VE STILL GOT TO  
3   PAY MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO THIS PLAINTIFF. I  
4   THINK THEY NEED TO KNOW THAT. THAT'S THE PARTNERSHIP WE HAVE.  
5   SO I REALLY-- AND, AGAIN, I KNOW THAT I DON'T KNOW IF MY  
6   COLLEAGUES ARE GOING TO SUPPORT ME ON THIS BUT I DO THINK THAT  
7   WE NEED CLEAR INFORMATION AS TO THE JUSTIFICATION. YOU  
8   SHOULDN'T BE CHANGING A PROCESS UNLESS THERE'S A PROBLEM. IT  
9   HASN'T BEEN PRESENTED TO ME THAT THERE IS A PROBLEM. SURE,  
10  ANECDOTALLY, YOU CAN BUT NOT CLEARLY ON WHAT CASES POTENTIALLY  
11  THAT HAPPENED. THAT'S NUMBER ONE. SECOND OF ALL, I REALLY DO  
12  THINK THAT WE NEED TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THESE  
13  CASES ARE GOING TO BE PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC. I MEAN, THERE  
14  ARE ISSUES IN WHICH ALLEGATIONS MAY BE DIFFERENT. THE  
15  ALLEGATIONS MIGHT BE THE FOLLOWING. BUT YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE  
16  FACTS, PARTICULARLY IN A SETTLEMENT SO THAT PEOPLE UNDERSTAND  
17  WHY WE HAD THESE HUGE SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS ON MANY OF THESE  
18  INSTANCES. SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU COME BACK WITH A  
19  JUSTIFICATION, WITH SOME CASES, EVEN IF IT HAS TO BE DONE AS A  
20  CONFIDENTIAL MEMO TO US BUT YOU DON'T WANT TO SHARE IT WITH  
21  ANYONE ELSE, THAT WOULD BE FAIR. AND, SECOND OF ALL, TO COME  
22  IN WITH A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING. I SAW THE CASES THAT YOU DID  
23  DRAW UP AND I THINK THEY'RE VERY LIMITED TO THE PUBLIC. IN  
24  PARTICULAR, HOW THE CORRECTIVE ACTION IS GOING TO BE PROPOSED  
25  TO THEM AS WELL. WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO DO THAT?



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2 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, I'LL PROVIDE YOU  
3 THE JUSTIFICATIONS SUCH AS I CAN. I HAVE BASICALLY PUBLICLY  
4 EXPRESSED IT EXCEPT FOR SPECIFIC EXAMPLES. AND, IF THAT'S WHAT  
5 YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, I'M HAPPY TO PROVIDE THOSE TO YOU. THE  
6 JUSTIFICATION IS IT IS WHAT IT IS.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** RAY, RAY, RAY, RAY. I'M THE POLICY MAKER HERE.  
9 I'VE ASKED YOU FOR IT AND YOU HAVEN'T GIVEN TO IT ME. I NEED  
10 IT.

11

12 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** I'LL DO MY BEST.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW BUT I ASKED THE LAST TIME. I DON'T THINK  
15 THIS IS A HARD THING. EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO DO IT  
16 CONFIDENTIALLY. CASE NUMBER 1, IN BLANK, BLANK, THIS IS WHAT  
17 HAPPENED. CASE NUMBER 2, THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED. I DON'T THINK  
18 IT'S A HARD REQUEST.

19

20 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** NO, THAT'S-- WE'LL DO THAT.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. CAN I MAKE A SUGGESTION?  
23 WHAT WOULD BE THE HARM IF YOU WERE TO GO BACK TO YOUR OLD  
24 POLICY UNTIL SUCH TIME AS YOU BRING US MORE DETAIL? BECAUSE  
25 I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR THAT-- I'VE BEEN KNOCKING ON YOUR DOOR



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1 ABOUT IT AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS BEEN TAKING THE LEAD ON IT  
2 AND HER QUESTIONS ARE ON THE MONEY. IF THERE'S A REASON THAT  
3 WE ARE JEOPARDIZING OUR LEGAL POSITION, THEN YOU OUGHT BE ABLE  
4 TO ARTICULATE IT TO US IN CLOSED SESSION, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO  
5 IN PUBLIC, WHICH I WOULD UNDERSTAND, AT LEAST SO THAT WE HAVE  
6 A LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE THAT THERE IS SOMETHING THERE. SO FAR I  
7 HAVEN'T HEARD OF IT. AND I THINK THIS THING HAS GOTTEN A LIFE  
8 OF ITS OWN THAT I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL AND I WOULD MOVE TO  
9 GET THE DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON THIS IS THAT YOU GO BACK TO YOUR  
10 PREVIOUS POLICY AND THEN GIVE US A REPORT AT YOUR CONVENIENCE  
11 OR AT OUR CONVENIENCE, WHATEVER WORKS OUT, IN RESPONSE TO THE  
12 QUESTIONS THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND THE REST OF US HAVE ASKED  
13 AND THEN WE CAN MAKE A DECISION TOGETHER ON WHETHER WE WANT TO  
14 MODIFY THE POLICY IN SOME FASHION OR NOT. WOULD THAT BE...

15

16 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THAT IS FINE. I WOULD PREFER TO SEND  
17 MY EXAMPLES TO YOU AS AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT COMMUNICATION BUT ANY  
18 POLICY DISCUSSION LIKE THAT WOULD...

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL I'M ASKING, THE WORLD DIDN'T  
21 COME TO AN END, AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, UNDER YOUR PREVIOUS  
22 POLICY. AND WHAT WE WERE ASKING YOU IS, IF IT DID COME TO AN  
23 END ON ANY CASE, TELL US WHICH ONE IT WAS SO THAT WE CAN  
24 UNDERSTAND. I INTELLECTUALLY UNDERSTOOD WHAT YOU WERE DRIVING  
25 AT WHEN YOU DID THIS, BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T WANT OUR ADVERSARIES,





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1 OUR LEGAL ADVERSARIES TO BE ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM OUR STRATEGIC  
2 AND TACTICAL THINKING, SUCH AS IT IS BUT THAT WAS THEORETICAL.  
3 WHEN YOU WERE ASKED SPECIFICALLY, GIVE US AN EXAMPLE OF WHERE  
4 THAT HAPPENED WHERE THERE WAS-- WHERE THE COUNTY WAS HARMED IN  
5 SOME WAY, WE HAVEN'T HAD THAT EXAMPLE. SO ALL I'M SAYING IS GO  
6 BACK TO THE WAY IT WAS BEFORE YOU SENT OUT THAT LETTER WHICH  
7 CAUSED ALL THIS STIR. DON'T CHANGE IT UNTIL YOU MEET WITH US  
8 AND WE DIRECT YOU TO OR, IN CONSULTATION WITH YOU, BASED UPON  
9 THE INFORMATION YOU GIVE US, DECIDE OTHERWISE, THAT'S ALL. I  
10 JUST DON'T SEE THAT IT'S GOING TO CREATE ANY HEARTBURN FOR  
11 ANYBODY. TELL ME IF I'M WRONG. IF IT'S GOING TO CREATE  
12 HEARTBURN FOR YOU-- WHEN I SAY HEARTBURN, I MEAN LEGAL  
13 PROBLEMS FOR US...

14

15 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** GIVEN THAT THE PRACTICE HAD GONE ON  
16 FOR EIGHT, 10, 20 YEARS, SOMETHING LIKE THAT, IT IS NOT  
17 UNIFORM AND I WAS MAKING A PRACTICE UNIFORM THAT I THOUGHT WAS  
18 IN OUR OVERALL BEST INTERESTS OR IN THE COUNTY'S BEST FISCAL  
19 INTERESTS BUT DID NOT ACCOUNT FOR...

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT WAS NOT UNIFORM? WHAT WAS NOT  
22 UNIFORM?

23

24 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MATTERS COMING TO YOUR BOARD BY  
25 CLOSED SESSION MEMORANDA. ALL OF THOSE MEMORANDA ARE NOT



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1 PUBLIC AND WE CONSIDER SETTLEMENTS IN THOSE. OTHER MATTERS GO  
2 THROUGH THE CLAIMS BOARD AND THOSE WERE DONE ON FAIRLY  
3 UNIFORMLY A PUBLIC...

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT IS THE MEMORANDA THAT WENT TO  
6 THE CLAIMS BOARD WHICH POLICY YOU ALTERED, IS THAT CORRECT?

7

8 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THAT IS THE POLICY, THAT'S CORRECT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO-- BUT YOU CAN'T...

11

12 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** AND I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT WE WOULD  
13 SUFFER IRREPARABLE DAMAGE...

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NOT ONLY YOU CAN'T TELL US THAT WE  
16 WILL SUFFER, YOU CAN'T TELL US WHERE WE DID SUFFER.

17

18 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THAT'S EXACTLY A LOT TO IT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO JUST RESTORES...

21

22 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** IT'S A QUESTION OF-- I HATE TO SAY A  
23 LAWYER RISK AVERSION.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GO BACK TO YOUR STATUS QUO ANTI  
2   AND YOUR POLICY AS IT RELATES TO THE CLAIMS BOARD UNTIL YOU--  
3   WELL, JUST GO BACK TO YOUR POLICY. YOU CAN COME BACK TO THE  
4   BOARD IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS THAT THE BOARD MEMBERS HAVE  
5   AND WE CAN DISCUSS THIS FURTHER, OKAY? I MEAN, THAT WOULD BE  
6   MY MOTION. SECONDED BY MR. ANTONOVICH.

7

8   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO, AGAIN, TO REPEAT, WE NEED EXAMPLES WHERE,  
9   IN PREVIOUS MEMOS, WE WERE LOSING CASES OR THERE ARE CASES  
10   THAT WERE IMPACTED BECAUSE OF THAT INFORMATION. AND WE  
11   UNDERSTAND THAT THE MEMO'S INVOLVING PERSONNEL MATTERS HAVE  
12   BEEN TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL FOR ABOUT A YEAR WHILE THE  
13   DECISION PERTAINING TO ALL OTHER CASES WAS REACHED SOME TIME  
14   IN MAY OF THIS PAST YEAR. HOW CAN WE ENSURE THAT THE BOARD IS  
15   KEPT APPRISED OF SIGNIFICANT POLICY DECISIONS IN THE FUTURE?

16

17   **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** I WILL JUST DO MY BEST TO RECOGNIZE,  
18   BEFORE I TAKE A STEP, THAT IT IMPACTS A POLICY THAT I NEED TO  
19   WATCH OUT FOR.

20

21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN THE CLAIMS BOARD MEMOS, WERE YOU  
22   ADVOCATING THAT THEY BE CHANGED, AS WELL? WOULD THEY NOW OFFER  
23   MORE DETAIL AND ANALYSIS THAN BEFORE?

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1   **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WELL, THEY CERTAINLY COULD. I DO  
2   KNOW, JUST ONCE AGAIN ANECDOTALLY OVER THE YEARS, THAT THE  
3   DISCUSSION HAS ALWAYS BEEN, FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER,  
4   THAT CLAIMS BOARD MEMOS ARE DRAFTED IN A WAY THAT THEY DON'T  
5   EXPOSE EVERYTHING. WE'VE TRIED TO MINIMIZE SOME OF THE LEGAL  
6   STRATEGY AND OTHER THINGS. AND IT'S VERY DIFFICULT SOMETIMES  
7   BECAUSE THE FACTS GET INTERTWINED WITH LEGAL PRINCIPLES. AND  
8   SO, IF YOU TAKE OUT THE LEGAL PRINCIPLES, THE FACTS GO WITH  
9   THEM, OTHERWISE, THEY MAKE NO SENSE AND VICE VERSA BUT...

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11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DON'T THINK PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT  
12   EXPOSING STRATEGIES BUT THE FEAR IS HIDING INFORMATION THAT  
13   IMPACTS THE PUBLIC. AND I WOULD RATHER SIDE ON THE ERR OF  
14   OPENNESS RATHER THAN HIDE BEHIND CLOSENESS, ESPECIALLY THE WAY  
15   THIS CAME OUT OF THE DARK WITHOUT THE BOARD BEING INVOLVED IN  
16   THE DISCUSSION AND THAT'S WHY I HAD CONCERNS ABOUT OTHER  
17   ISSUES THAT WE WERE HEADING TOWARD A CLOSED OPERATION INSTEAD  
18   OF MOVING TOWARD AN OPEN OPERATION. AND THE ONLY WAY YOU'RE  
19   GOING TO HAVE TRUST IN GOVERNMENT IS TO HAVE GREATER OPENNESS.

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21   **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** I SEE WHERE THE STEP APPEARED AND, IN  
22   FACT, HAD THAT EFFECT, TO SOME EXTENT, BUT IT WAS NOT DRIVEN  
23   BY THAT. IT WAS DRIVEN FROM THE LAWYER/CLIENT PERSPECTIVE. BUT  
24   THAT DOESN'T MEAN...

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT WAS DRIVEN BY A CONTROL INSTEAD OF AN  
2   OPENNESS.

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4   **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** NOT A DESIRE TO HIDE ANYTHING FROM...

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6   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IS THERE ANY OTHER  
9   DISCUSSION? WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. ALL RIGHT. DR. CLAVREUL  
10   AND KAREN OCAMB. WE'RE NOT THERE YET. YOU'RE NEXT. THIS IS ON  
11   THIS ITEM. GO AHEAD, DR. CLAVREUL.

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13   **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. DR. GENEVIEVE  
14   CLAVREUL. WELL, YOU KNOW, WE ARE GOING TOWARD MORE, YOU KNOW,  
15   LESS AND LESS OPEN BEHAVIOR HERE AND I'VE BEEN CONCERNED FOR  
16   QUITE SOME TIME OF A LOT OF POSITIONS OF MR. FORTNER. MY  
17   UNDERSTANDING IS THAT, WHEN HE CAME IN THIS POSITION, HE WAS  
18   HIRED FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD OF TIME AND I THOUGHT WE WOULD  
19   BEEN LOOKING FOR SOMEBODY ELSE. MAYBE IT'S TIME TO LOOK AT  
20   THAT MOTION AGAIN AND SEE IF MAYBE WE COULD HAVE SOMEBODY WHO  
21   HAS BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT TRANSPARENCY IS. THAT WOULD  
22   BE ONE OF MY FIRST SUGGESTIONS. ALSO, I THINK THAT THE ISSUE  
23   OF MAKING POLICY CHANGE ABOUT BEHAVIOR TO PREVENT FURTHER  
24   LAWSUITS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUT THE  
25   NAME OF THE PERSONNEL OR THE PEOPLE INVOLVED. YOU CAN DEVELOP



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1 NEW POLICY TO PREVENT FURTHER PROBLEMS AND THAT SHOULD BE  
2 TRANSPARENT. ALSO, LAST WEEK, I REQUESTED UNDER THE CALIFORNIA  
3 PUBLIC RECORD ACT, YOU KNOW, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH WHICH YOU GIVE  
4 DIRECTLY TO YOUR COUNTY COUNSEL, THEY HAVE NOT CALLED ME TO  
5 MAKE AN APPOINTMENT. IT IS ALREADY SEVEN DAYS. YOU HAVE THREE  
6 MORE DAYS TO DO IT. I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOU DO. ALSO, FOR  
7 YOUR INFORMATION, AN ARTICLE ON TRANSPARENCY. AND MR. FUJIOKA.  
8 THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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12 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** AND I WILL PASS ON C.S.-1.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, DR.  
15 CLAVREUL. KAREN OCAMB.

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17 **KAREN OCAMB:** HI, MY NAME IS KAREN OCAMB, I'M THE NEWS EDITOR  
18 OF IN LOS ANGELES MAGAZINE. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO WELCOME  
19 OUR NEW C.E.O. AND THANK DAVID JANSSEN FOR HIS YEARS OF  
20 SERVICE. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR, YOU KNOW, FOR REACTING  
21 SO QUICKLY. AND, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I THINK YOUR POINTS WERE,  
22 YOU KNOW, EXTRAORDINARILY WELL TAKEN. I REALLY APPLAUD YOU AND  
23 ALL OF YOU FOR REALLY TRYING TO HOLD YOUR OWN FEET TO THE FIRE  
24 AND BE ACCOUNTABLE. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF POINTS I WOULD MAKE,  
25 HOWEVER. FIRST OF ALL, IT SAYS IN ITEM-- ON THE AGENDA, THAT



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1 WE WERE TO EXPECT A REPORT BY COUNTY COUNSEL AND THAT'S NOT  
2 WHAT WE GOT. IF A REPORT IS WHAT'S CALLED FOR, A REPORT SHOULD  
3 BE EXPECTED, WHETHER IT'S AN ORAL REPORT OR A WRITTEN REPORT.  
4 AND HOPEFULLY A WRITTEN REPORT THAT COULD BE POSTED AND  
5 DISSEMINATED SO THE REST OF US KNOW WHAT THE HELL WE'RE ALL  
6 TALKING ABOUT. I ALSO-- REGARDING THE STRATEGIC THINKING, I  
7 UNDERSTAND THE NECESSITY FOR HAVING LEGAL STRATEGY IN AN  
8 ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE MANNER, HOWEVER, I'M WONDERING IF,  
9 IN TERMS OF THE EXPLANATION AND JUSTIFICATION, IF THE  
10 STRATEGIC STRATEGY COULD NOT BE POSTED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO  
11 THE PUBLIC AFTER THE SETTLEMENT SO THAT AT LEAST WE CAN  
12 BACKTRACK AND KNOW HOW YOU ALL REACHED THIS CONCLUSION.  
13 ADDITIONALLY, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THERE ARE WAYS TO MAKE  
14 PUBLIC THE CORRECTIVE ACTION BY REDACTING NAMES, FOR INSTANCE.  
15 YOU KNOW, IF YOU ISSUE A CORRECTIVE ACTION, HOW ARE WE GOING  
16 TO FOLLOW UP ON IT? HOW ARE WE GOING TO KNOW WHETHER IT, IN  
17 FACT, HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED OR WHETHER PEOPLE JUST ACCEPTED IT  
18 AND SHRUGGED THEIR SHOULDERS AND MOVED ON AND THEN YOU  
19 CONTINUE TO BE LIABLE? ANOTHER QUESTION I WOULD ASK IS WHAT  
20 WOULD HAPPEN IF THESE INTERNAL MEMOS, CONFIDENTIAL MEMOS WERE  
21 LEAKED TO A REPORTER OR TO A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC? IS THERE  
22 ANY FALLOUT FROM THAT? BUT, OVER ALL, YOU KNOW, HAVING HEARD  
23 YOUR RESPONSE TO THIS AND FAIRLY QUICKLY, I DO WANT TO SAY  
24 THAT I APPLAUD YOU AND KEEP IT UP. WE NEED MORE TRANSPARENCY  
25 AND OPEN GOVERNMENT. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.





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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. WE HAVE THE  
3 ITEM BEFORE US.

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5 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MR. CHAIRMAN MAY I JUST MENTION IN  
6 RESPONSE THAT, IN ADDITION TO THE ORAL REPORT HERE THIS  
7 MORNING, THIS AFTERNOON, BOTH OF MY MEMOS TO YOUR BOARD IN  
8 FORMS OF REPORTS I BELIEVE WERE POSTED ON THE COUNTY COUNSEL  
9 WEBSITE AND ON THE BOARD'S WEBSITE AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN  
10 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. IF I FIND THAT'S NOT THE CASE, WE'LL  
11 TRY AND CORRECT IT BECAUSE WE WERE VERY SPECIFIC IN TRYING TO  
12 MAKE SURE THAT HAPPENED AS A PUBLIC REPORT.

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14 **KAREN OCAMB:** OKAY, IF I DIDN'T SEE THAT, I DIDN'T...

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16 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PIECE IS REALLY  
17 WITHIN THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE RISK MANAGEMENT BRANCH AND  
18 I'M HAPPY TO COLLABORATE AND COOPERATE AND DO WHATEVER THE  
19 BOARD DESIRES US TO DO BUT, BY ORDINANCE AND PRACTICE, THAT IS  
20 IN THAT DEPARTMENT, NOT THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE. IT'S JUST  
21 FOR A POINT OF CLARITY AT THIS TIME.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT IS THAT, I'M SORRY, THE LAST  
24 THING YOU SAID?

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1   **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THE CORRECTIVE ACTION ACTIVITIES AND  
2   THE PLANS THAT HAPPEN WITH THEM.

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4   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MS. MOLINA?

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6   **SUP. MOLINA:** I WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT OR JUST MAKE AN  
7   AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION THAT WAS DONE. BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S  
8   THE BEST THING TO DO IS TO KEEP IT AS IS UNTIL WE CAN COME UP  
9   WITH THE ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS. BUT I ALSO WANT TO ASK  
10   THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND I WILL MAKE THIS IN A MOTION, AS WELL,  
11   THAT WE ASK COUNTY COUNSEL, IN COOPERATION WITH MR. FUJIOKA,  
12   WITH THE C.E.O. RISK MANAGEMENT STAFF, WE NEED TO DEVELOP A  
13   FORMAT TO AN ATTACHMENT TO MANY OF THE SETTLEMENTS TO  
14   SUMMARIZE WHAT THE CORRECTIVE ACTION IS. THERE'S AN  
15   INCONSISTENCY. SOME OF THE DEPARTMENTS ARE BETTER THAN OTHERS.  
16   BUT, AGAIN, YOU SHOULD WORK IN CONCERT. YOU SHOULD CREATE, IN  
17   CONCERT WITH THE C.E.O., HOW WE'RE GETTING THESE CORRECTIVE  
18   ACTIONS SO THAT THEY'RE LEGALLY PROTECTED AND YET, AT THE SAME  
19   TIME, THERE IS A CLEAR-- SO WE CAN GET AN UNDERSTANDING  
20   BECAUSE, EVERY TIME I SEE THEM, THEY'RE DIFFERENT. EACH  
21   DEPARTMENT IS DIFFERENT. I'D LIKE TO SEE MORE CONSISTENCY WITH  
22   REGARD TO THAT. SO IF YOU COULD DO THAT, AS WELL. I DON'T KNOW  
23   IF I NEED TO SUBMIT THAT FORMALLY BUT I THINK SACHI'S GOT IT  
24   DOWN.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHY DON'T WE SUBMIT IT FORMALLY  
2   AND I'LL SECOND THAT AND IT'LL BE PART OF THE OVERALL ITEM  
3   BEFORE US. SO WE HAVE TWO ITEMS...

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5   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DO YOU WANT ME TO READ IT BACK? THE MOTION  
6   WE HAVE BEFORE THE BOARD RIGHT NOW IS THAT THE BOARD REQUESTED  
7   THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO PROVIDE A REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON A  
8   CLEARER JUSTIFICATION FOR DISCONTINUING PROVIDING THE PUBLIC  
9   RECOMMENDED SETTLEMENTS PROPOSED BY THE L.A. COUNTY CLAIMS  
10   BOARD, INCLUDE WHAT CASES THIS JUSTIFICATION WAS APPLICABLE TO  
11   AND IMPACTED AND WHAT INFORMATION THE PUBLIC WILL RECEIVE IN  
12   THE FUTURE SHOULD THIS POLICY BE INSTITUTED. IN THE MEANTIME,  
13   COUNTY COUNSEL SHOULD RETURN TO THE OLD POLICY OF RELEASING  
14   ALL INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC, SETTLEMENTS PROPOSED BY L.A.  
15   COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD.

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17   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** TO RELEASE ALL THE INFORMATION  
18   THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY RELEASED, GO BACK TO THE POLICY HE HAD.

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20   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THEN ADD TO IT SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S LAST  
21   MOTION, LASTLY, REQUEST COUNTY COUNSEL, IN CONCERT WITH THE  
22   CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, RISK MANAGEMENT, TO DEVELOP A FORMAT  
23   TO SUMMARIZE THE CORRECTIVE ACTION REPORTS.

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25   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IS THAT OKAY?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** TO SUMMARIZE IT AND MAKE IT MORE CONSISTENT.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MAKE MORE CONSISTENT.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO WE HAVE THAT OMNIBUS MOTION  
7 BEFORE US. SECONDED BY MR. ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION?  
8 UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK YOU. GLORIA, ANYTHING ELSE? GLORIA? DO  
9 YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE? THAT WAS IT?

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT WAS IT.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MS. BURKE.

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15 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN  
16 MEMORY OF ELSIE J. HAWKINS, THE WIFE OF HONORABLE AUGUSTUS F.  
17 HAWKINS, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS.

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21 **SUP. BURKE:** SHE WAS A PARTICIPATING MEMBER OF THE  
22 CONGRESSIONAL WIVES CLUB AND SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE  
23 SMITHSONIAN EXHIBITION, ACKNOWLEDGING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF  
24 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER  
25 HUSBAND, THE HONORABLE AUGUSTUS F. HAWKINS, DAUGHTERS, BRENDA



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1 STEVENSON AND BARBARA HAMMOND AND SON, MICHAEL TAYLOR. GEORGIA  
2 B. HUNT, LONG-TIME LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENT AND YOUTH  
3 ADVOCATE WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 9TH OF CANCER AT THE AGE OF  
4 88. SHE WAS A MENTOR TO GENERATIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO FOUND  
5 WAYS TO TAKE LOW INCOME YOUTH AND FAMILIES ON TRIPS OUT OF  
6 THEIR COMMUNITY, CITY, STATE AND COUNTRY. SHE LEAVES TO  
7 CHERISH HER MEMORY, HER DAUGHTER, DELORIS BROWN, AND  
8 GRANDDAUGHTER, NITOB I BROWN. AND MARTIN D. SIMS, LONG TIME  
9 SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 12TH. HE WAS  
10 A DIESEL MECHANIC EMPLOYED BY ASBURY TRUCKING AND M.T.A. HE  
11 WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF HAYS TABERNACLE C.M.E. CHURCH. HE LEAVES  
12 TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY A BROTHER AND SISTER AND THREE  
13 DAUGHTERS. AND KENNETH M. SIMMS, A LONG-TIME SECOND DISTRICT  
14 RESIDENT AND BROTHER OF MARTIN SIMMS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY  
15 15TH. KNOWN FOR HIS SINGING ABILITIES, HE AND HIS BROTHERS  
16 FORMED THE "SIMS TWINS," A DUO THAT BECAME BACKUP SINGERS TO  
17 THE LATE SAM COOKE AND RAY CHARLES. HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF  
18 HAYS TABERNACLE C.M.E. CHURCH. AND LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS  
19 MEMORY A BROTHER AND SISTER. FINALLY, BRITANY JOHNSON  
20 PHILLIPS, SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT WHO WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED  
21 ON JULY 30TH IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER  
22 MEMORY HER MOTHER, LINDA JOHNSON, HER FATHER, TERRY PHILLIPS,  
23 AND SISTER, MAYA PHILLIPS.  
24  
25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** I DON'T HAVE ANY ITEMS.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE A FEW ADJOURNING MOTIONS. I  
5 DON'T THINK WE ADJOURNED IN THE MEMORY OF THE TWO L.A.P.D.  
6 OFFICERS WHO WERE KILLED OVER THE WEEKEND.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL MEMBERS.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS. MIKE SELLEH, L.A.P.D.  
11 MISSION DIVISION NARCOTICS INVESTIGATOR WHO DIED AT THE AGE OF  
12 52 IN AN ACCIDENT ON THE HOLLYWOOD FREEWAY THIS PAST SUNDAY  
13 WHEN HIS MOTORCYCLE WAS STRUCK BY A CAR. A VETERAN OF NEARLY  
14 THREE DECADES WITH THE DEPARTMENT, SELLEH HE WAS DESCRIBED BY  
15 THE L.A.P.D.'S TOP VALLEY COMMANDER MICHAEL MOORE AS A GO TO  
16 GUY, SOFT SPOKEN, NOT MUCH FOR FANFARE, HE JUST GOT THINGS  
17 DONE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN AND TWO  
18 SISTERS. ALSO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF L.A.P.D.  
19 OFFICER DAVID RODRIGUEZ, NORTH HOLLYWOOD DIVISION, A POLICE  
20 OFFICER WHO DIED AT THE AGE OF 33 IN AN ACCIDENT ON THE  
21 VENTURA FREEWAY PORTION OF THE 101 AGAIN, LAST SUNDAY. NEAR  
22 THE SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD EXIT. A MEMBER OF THE L.A.P.D. SINCE  
23 2003, OFFICER RODRIGUEZ HAD ONLY RECENTLY BEEN PROMOTED TO THE  
24 ANTI-GANG UNIT. COLLEAGUES REMEMBERED HIM AS A HARD WORKING,  
25 AGGRESSIVE BUT BY THE BOOK PATROL OFFICER. AND OFF DUTY A



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1 GENTLE MAN WHO CARED FOR HIS AILING MOTHER, ANGELA. SHE  
2 SURVIVES HIM, ALONG WITH OTHER SIBLINGS AND OTHER FAMILY  
3 MEMBERS. ASK ALL MEMBERS TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF THOSE TWO  
4 POLICE OFFICERS. I ALSO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
5 JUNE BRATTON, THE MOTHER OF LOS ANGELES POLICE CHIEF WILLIAM  
6 BRATTON, WHO PASSED AWAY OVER THE WEEKEND AT THE AGE OF 80 IN  
7 BOSTON.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL MEMBERS.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY  
12 HER HUSBAND, WILLIAM, HER SON, L.A. POLICE CHIEF WILLIAM  
13 BRATTON AND A DAUGHTER PATRICIA, THREE SISTERS, TWO GRANDSONS,  
14 AND SEVERAL NIECES AND NEPHEWS. AND LAST THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
15 THE MEMORY OF CHARLES T. TYLER, A LONG TIME EXECUTIVE AND  
16 PUBLISHER OF THE PALO ALTO TIMES, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE  
17 OF 92. AND THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
18 UNANIMOUS VOTE. ITEM NUMBER 10 I WANT TO PUT OVER ONE WEEK.  
19 I'M SORRY, I SHOULD HAVE DONE THAT EARLIER. I HOPE PEOPLE  
20 WEREN'T HANGING AROUND FOR THAT. AND THERE'S ONE OTHER ITEM  
21 THAT WE'RE...

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO, IT WAS C.S.-1 BUT THE MEMBER OF THE  
24 PUBLIC RELEASED IT.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO WE'RE DONE WITH THE  
2    AGENDA. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. OH, I HAVE A MOTION FOR NEXT  
3    WEEK. DURING THE FALL OF 2005, THE BOARD DIRECTED THE COUNTY  
4    STAFF TO UPGRADE ITS ENFORCEMENT OF PROPOSITION B, THE  
5    COUNTY'S CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM MEASURE, WHICH WAS APPROVED  
6    BY THE VOTERS IN NOVEMBER 1996. AS PART OF THIS EFFORT, THE  
7    REGISTRAR RECORDER ANNOUNCED HER INTENTION TO ESTABLISH AN  
8    ELECTRONIC CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILING SYSTEM UTILIZING A PROGRAM  
9    THAT HAD ALREADY BEEN DEVELOPED BY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.  
10    THAT SYSTEM INCLUDES ALL THE CAPABILITIES NECESSARY FOR  
11    CAMPAIGN TREASURERS TO FILE THEIR CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS  
12    ONLINE AND ALSO ALLOWS VIEWERS TO SEARCH AND CROSS-REFERENCE  
13    THE MATERIAL IN A VARIETY OF USEFUL WAYS. THE CITY AND THE  
14    COUNTY HAD BEEN DISCUSSING THIS MATTER SINCE 2003 AND BY THE  
15    TIME THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADDRESSED THE ISSUE IN THE FALL  
16    OF 2005, THE COUNTY HAD SECURED FUNDING AS WELL AS THE CITY'S  
17    AGREEMENT TO LICENSE THE SYSTEM TO US. IMPLEMENTATION WAS  
18    ANTICIPATED IN TIME FOR THE JUNE 2006 PRIMARY ELECTION.  
19    UNFORTUNATELY, DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE CITY'S AND THE COUNTY'S  
20    INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PLATFORMS AND COMPUTER CODE DELAYED THE  
21    IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNTY'S SYSTEM BY A YEAR AND DID NOT GO  
22    LIVE UNTIL JUNE OF 2007, JUST LAST MONTH. AS OF TODAY, NO  
23    INFORMATION IS POSTED ON THE SYSTEM, ALTHOUGH IT IS  
24    ANTICIPATED THAT CAMPAIGN TREASURERS WILL UTILIZE THE  
25    ELECTRONIC FILING CAPABILITY AND FILE THEIR JANUARY TO JUNE



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1 2007 REPORTS DIRECTLY ONTO THE SYSTEM BY TODAY'S DEADLINE,  
2 JULY 31ST. THE COUNTY WILL ENTER THE MATERIAL INTO THE SYSTEM  
3 FOR THOSE TREASURERS WHO DO NOT DO IT THEMSELVES. EVEN SO, THE  
4 SYSTEM WILL AT THAT POINT CONTAIN ONLY THESE 2007 REPORTS. IT  
5 WILL NOT GO BACK IN TIME AND PICK UP EARLIER REPORTS. IN ORDER  
6 TO MAKE THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING SYSTEM TRULY USEFUL,  
7 THE COUNTY SHOULD TAKE THE TIME AND SPEND THE RESOURCES  
8 NECESSARY TO ENTER ALL THE INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN FILED  
9 SINCE THE ENACTMENT OF PROPOSITION B IN 1996. THE REGISTRAR  
10 RECORDER ESTIMATES THIS WOULD REQUIRE FOUR HIRING FOUR DATA  
11 ENTRY WORKERS AND ONE SUPERVISOR FOR UP TO FOUR MONTHS FOR A  
12 TOTAL OF \$72,309 IN ONE TIME COSTS. THE COUNTY SHOULD MAKE  
13 THIS MINIMAL EXPENDITURE IN ORDER TO TRULY FULFILL THE  
14 MISSIONS OF PROPOSITION B. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE REGISTRAR  
15 RECORDER COUNTY CLERK BE INSTRUCTED TO HIRE THE NECESSARY  
16 PERSONNEL TO ENTER INTO THE NEWLY CREATED ELECTRONIC FINANCIAL  
17 REPORTING SYSTEM ALL CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTED TO HER OFFICE  
18 BY THE CAMPAIGNS OF CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICES SINCE THE  
19 PROVISION OF PROPOSITION B WENT INTO EFFECT. THIS IS FOR NEXT  
20 WEEK.

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S FOR NEXT WEEK. I MEAN, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT  
23 NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING IF WE DO THIS,  
24 IT WILL BE MANUALLY INPUT WHICH MEANS WE WILL HAVE TO GO BACK  
25 AND HAVE OUR FOLKS GO LINE BY LINE TO DOUBLE CHECK ALL THIS.



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1   THERE IS NO WAY TO TRANSFER THOSE RECORDS. IT MAY COST THIS  
2   MUCH BUT I THINK YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT WHAT THE IMPACT ON ALL  
3   THE CANDIDATES IS GOING TO BE, AS WELL, BECAUSE IT'S A MANUAL  
4   INPUT.

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6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, THAT'S A QUESTION WE SHOULD  
7   ASK THE COUNTY REGISTRAR TO RESPOND TO BY NEXT WEEK BUT IT'S  
8   MY UNDERSTANDING THAT SHE HAS ALL THE RECORDS AND IT WOULD  
9   ONLY BE THOSE RECORDS WHICH WERE ON FILE THERE.

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11   **SUP. KNABE:** I KNOW BUT IT'S MANUALLY INPUT. THAT'S WHY IT'S  
12   COSTING SO MUCH AND IT MEANS THAT YOUR OR ME OR ANYONE ELSE,  
13   YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE YOUR OWN TREASURER GO BACK LINE BY LINE  
14   AND DOUBLE CHECK EVERYTHING. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE A SMOOTH  
15   TRANSITION LIKE HAVING YOUR OWN TREASURER INPUT.

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17   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, I DON'T THINK IT WOULD INVOLVE  
18   US. I THINK IT WOULD INVOLVE THE TREASURER INPUTTING WHAT'S  
19   ALREADY IN HER RECORDS THAT ARE A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD  
20   THERE. IT'S ALL YOUR FORMER-- WE CAN GET INTO THIS NEXT WEEK,  
21   BUT IT'S ALL THE PREVIOUS CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS. IT WILL NOT  
22   REQUIRE, IF I'M MISTAKEN, I'LL BE HAPPY TO BE CORRECTED, BUT  
23   MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT ALL OF THE PREVIOUSLY FILED REPORTS  
24   ARE THERE. SHE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE THAT WHAT'S



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1 ON PAPER WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO ELECTRONIC FILING. MANUALLY,  
2 ONE TIME.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** LINE BY LINE.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S WHAT THE \$72,000 ONE TIME  
7 IS FOR. MS. BURKE?

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9 **SUP. BURKE:** THEY ALSO STRAIGHTEN OUT-- I UNDERSTAND IT DOESN'T  
10 TAKE LONG NAMES OR LONG RIGHT NOW. MY TREASURER TRIED TO DO  
11 HERS TODAY-- YESTERDAY. SO IF YOU'RE LOOKING AT IT, WOULD YOU  
12 ALSO LOOK AT THAT? THAT YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO PUT THE WHOLE  
13 REPORT IN.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL ASK THE COUNTY REGISTRAR TO  
16 BE HERE NEXT WEEK AND REPORT ON ALL OF THESE ASPECTS. OKAY. MY  
17 TREASURER WAS DOING THE SAME THING BUT I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM MY  
18 TREASURER YET. OKAY. ANYWAY, THAT WAS FOR NEXT WEEK. SO NO  
19 ACTION ON THAT. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT? SUSAN MCLEAN IS HERE  
20 AND CHONTEL ROLISON. AND PATRICIA MULCAHEY.

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22 **SUSAN MCLEAN:** BEFORE I START, CAN I PLEASE MAKE A REQUEST THAT  
23 ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BE PRESENT?

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25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD. MRS. MCLEAN?



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2     **SUSAN MCLEAN:** YEAH, I MADE A REQUEST BECAUSE THIS IS IN GLORIA

3     MOLINA'S DISTRICT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. YEAH, THANK YOU.

4     OKAY. MY NAME IS SUSAN MCLEAN AND I'M HERE TODAY TO SPEAK OUT

5     ABOUT MY EVICTION FROM THE WHITTIER NARROWS EQUESTRIAN CENTER

6     FOR VOICING MY CONCERNS ABOUT SAFETY AND SANITATION THERE. I

7     HAD TO MOVE THERE IN JULY OF 2006 AFTER THE CITY OF PICO

8     RIVERA CLOSED THE SPORTS ARENA'S STABLE. I DREADED IT AS THE

9     PLACE HAS THE DISTINCTION OF BEING THE MOST DESPISED PLACE

10    PROBABLY IN ALL OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SINCE THE

11    COMMISSIONAIRE JOEL GRIFFITH TOOK IT OVER THREE YEARS AGO;

12    ALSO BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUS ACCIDENT THEY HAD THERE ON JANUARY

13    21ST, 2006. I WAS THROWN FROM MY HORSE AND CRUSHED TWO

14    VERTEBRA SOLELY BECAUSE OF A BORDER'S THREE DOGS THAT WERE

15    RUNNING LOOSE ON THE PROPERTY. AFTER I MOVED IN, NOT 24 HOURS

16    AFTER I MOVED IN, MY HORSE THERE, SHE SLIPPED AND FELL ON A

17    WASH RUG BECAUSE THERE WERE NO MATS COVERING THE SLICK CEMENT.

18    THE STALL THAT SHE WAS IN AND ALL OF THEM, FOR THAT MATTER,

19    HAD TERRIBLE DRAINAGE AND THE GROUND WAS SO SATURATED WITH

20    URINE THAT IT STANK HORRIBLY AND THE FLIES WERE UNGODLY. THERE

21    WERE NO LIGHTS ON THE PROPERTY FOR AFTER DARK USE AND IT WAS

22    DANGEROUS TRYING TO MANEUVER AROUND IN THE DARK. ONE NIGHT, MY

23    HORSE GOT OUT OF A CORRAL AND WE COULDN'T EVEN FIND HER

24    BECAUSE IT WAS SO DARK. I VOICED MY CONCERNS ABOUT SAFETY,

25    LIGHTING AND SANITATION WITH NICKY YAMAMOTO IN AUGUST OF 2006.



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1 SHORTLY AFTER THAT, I WAS HANDED AN EVICTION NOTICE BY JOEL  
2 GRIFFITH. AT THAT TIME, I WAS ABLE TO TALK MY-- TALK TO HIM  
3 AND MAKE A DEAL THAT, IF I NEVER TALK TO THE COUNTY AGAIN, HE  
4 WOULD LET ME STAY. SO I BIT MY TONGUE FOR EIGHT MONTHS. ON  
5 APRIL 23RD, I WAS RIDING MY HORSE IN AN ARENA. THE BORDER WITH  
6 THE THREE DOGS, LOOSE OF COURSE AND THE LADY THAT LIVES IN THE  
7 TRAILER ON THE PROPERTY WITH HER LITTLE SON AND HER LOOSE DOG  
8 WERE OUTSIDE THE ARENA I WAS RIDING IN. THE BOY WAS PUSHING A  
9 PLASTIC CAR UP AND DOWN THE ROAD RIGHT NEXT TO THE FENCE. IT  
10 WAS MAKING MY HORSE VERY TENSE AND UPSET BECAUSE OF THE  
11 CLATTERING NOISE THAT IT WAS MAKING AND THE DOGS MILLING  
12 AROUND. AND, AT ONE POINT, SHE EXPLODED AND STARTED BUCKING  
13 AGAIN. AFTER I REGAINED MY SANITY, I SHOT OFF TO THE MOTHER OF  
14 THE CHILD, "THIS ISN'T A BLANKETLY BLANK PLAYGROUND. THIS IS A  
15 STABLE. WHY DO YOU HAVE TO LET THE KID PLAY RIGHT HERE? I'VE  
16 GOTTEN HURT HERE ONCE AND I'M NOT GETTING HURT AGAIN." SO SHE  
17 SCREAMS OBSCENITIES TO ME AS THE TWO WALK AWAY AND I'M ABLE TO  
18 CONTINUE RIDING. A SHORT TIME LATER, HERE COMES ANOTHER BORDER  
19 WITH HER THREE DOGS. NOW WE HAVE SEVEN LOOSE DOGS. AND, AFTER  
20 THAT INCIDENT, IT WAS ABOUT A WEEK LATER I WAS HANDED AN  
21 EVICTION NOTICE AGAIN. AND I WILL JUST SUM UP SAYING THAT I  
22 WAS ALSO TOLD, AFTER I MOVED MY HORSE OUT, BY JOEL GRIFFITH  
23 THAT I COULD NOT EVEN SET FOOT ON THE PROPERTY AND, IF I DID,  
24 I WOULD HAVE THE GATE LOCKED BEHIND ME AND THE SHERIFF WOULD  
25 BE CALLED. I HAVE ACQUIRED A COPY OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN JOEL



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1 GRIFFITH AND THE COUNTY AND I FIND THAT THERE IS NOTHING IN  
2 THAT CONTRACT ABOUT BORDERS CONCESSIONAIRE RELATIONS BUT A LOT  
3 ABOUT THE POWERS THAT THE DISTRICT ENGINEER AND THE COUNTY  
4 HAVE OVER THIS CONCESSIONAIRE. AND I WANT TO KNOW WHY WAS I  
5 ALLOWED TO BE EVICTED SIMPLY BECAUSE I WAS CONCERNED FOR MY  
6 SAFETY? ALL I WANT TO DO IS BE ABLE TO KEEP MY HORSE THERE.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE'RE LOOKING UP HER CASE. SHE HAS CALLED US  
11 BEFORE. BUT WE ARE DOING A WHOLE SERIES OF RENOVATIONS AT THE  
12 EQUESTRIAN CENTER. WE HAVE MADE A DEMAND OF THE CONCESSIONAIRE  
13 TO CLEAN UP. THERE ARE MANY ISSUES THAT YOU POINTED OUT WHICH  
14 ARE BEING ADDRESSED. YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS EXPRESSED  
15 CONCERN. I'M NOT SURE OF ALL OF THE REASONS AS TO WHY YOU WERE  
16 EVICTED. I'M GOING TO LOOK IT UP. I KNOW YOU HAVE TALKED TO  
17 RENEE IN MY OFFICE. OH, TO NORMA, WHO HAS BEEN DEALING WITH  
18 IT. NORMA GARCIA IN MY OFFICE. AND WE'LL FOLLOW UP.

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20 **SUSAN MCLEAN:** I HAVE SPOKEN WITH NORMA GARCIA NUMEROUS  
21 OCCASIONS. RENEE QUINN AND A LADY BY THE LAST NAME OF JOHNSON.  
22 AND I HAVE TALKED TO HEYTON THALMM AND I'VE TALKED TO ACE. AND  
23 THEY ALL SAID THERE WAS NOTHING THEY COULD DO TO HELP ME.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, AGAIN, I'M LOOKING UP THE CASE AND I CAN'T  
2   FIND IT.

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4   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THEIR STAFF-- SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S  
5   STAFF WILL TALK TO YOU ON THE SIDE HERE BRIEFLY-- SHORTLY, I  
6   SHOULD SAY. CHONTEL ROLISON? THANK YOU.

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8   **CHONTEL ROLISON:** YES, THANK YOU.

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10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

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12   **CHONTEL ROLISON:** I'M GOING TO BE BRIEF. THESE PEOPLE THAT HAD  
13   CLAIMED THAT THEY SET ME UP TO SCARE ME BECAUSE OF THEM  
14   THINKING THAT I WAS SOME KIND OF THREAT TO MY CHILDREN AND A  
15   KILLER CAT SO TO SPEAK, I KNOW I DON'T LOOK LIKE A VIDEO QUEEN  
16   OR PRINCESS OR WHATEVER, I MAY BE PRETTY SPECIAL BUT I'M HERE  
17   FIGHTING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. BACK IN 2002, I WAS  
18   BRUTALLY PUSHED DOWN AND THEY ASSISTED ME IN LOSING A BABY. I  
19   WENT TO THE CLINIC TO HAVE THIS BABY REMOVED, MY BABY, AND,  
20   DURING THE PROCEDURE, I WAS PUT TO SLEEP BUT SOMETHING HAD  
21   TOLD ME TO WAKE UP. I WOKE UP AND THE ENTIRE STAFF WAS IN THE  
22   CLINIC WATCHING THE PROCEDURE. I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT  
23   THERE WOULD BE ONLY ONE TRAINEE IN THE ROOM, AS WELL AS ME AND  
24   A DOCTOR. UNFORTUNATELY, I PAID FOR A SERVICE AND MY  
25   CONFIDENTIALITY, MY RIGHTS WAS VIOLATED. AND EVERY TIME I GO



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1 TO SEEK HELP TO AN ATTORNEY, LAW OR A FIRM OR ANYTHING, NO ONE  
2 COULD ASSIST ME BASED ON THESE PEOPLE SETTING ME UP. AND IT'S  
3 LIKE MY NAME, I'VE BEEN BLACK LISTED. MY CHILDREN HAS BEEN  
4 TAKEN AWAY FROM ME. MY LIFE HAS BEEN TOTALLY RUINED AND I JUST  
5 DON'T APPRECIATE IT. I WANT MY LIFE BACK. AND I JUST WANT MY  
6 CHILDREN-- I JUST WANT TO GET ON WITH MY LIFE. AND IT'S JUST  
7 NOT FAIR THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE CELEBRITY FIGURES AND JUST  
8 BECAUSE THEY ARE, PEOPLE ARE ALLOWING THEM TO TAKE ADVANTAGE  
9 OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND SET THEM UP LIKE THIS AND THIS  
10 HAS BEEN GOING UP SINCE 1994. THIS IS JUST NOT A OVERNIGHT  
11 ISSUE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. MRS. MULCAHEY?

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15 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** YES, [ INAUDIBLE ] SPEAKING FOR ROXIE FOR  
16 ALL [ INAUDIBLE ] WHO HAVE DIED OR HAVE CONTINUED SEXUAL  
17 ABUSE, PHYSICAL ABUSE AND MENTAL ABUSE. NUMBER 1, AUGUST 30TH,  
18 2004, COMMISSIONER HUREWIC, LET ME SPELL THAT FOR YOU, IT'S H-  
19 U-R-E-W-I-C, UPDATED THE COMMISSION ON THE SITUATION WITH THE  
20 REGIONAL CENTER AND THE D.C.F.S. WRITING THEIR ARMS LETTERS IN  
21 REGARDS TO CLASSIFYING KIDS AS HANDICAPPED. I HAD A SOCIAL  
22 WORKER INFORM ME TO MY FACE [ INAUDIBLE ] FOSTER AGENCY, THAT  
23 THEY LISTED MY DAUGHTER KAYLA THE WITH REGIONAL CENTER BECAUSE  
24 OF THE HIGHER FEDERAL RATE. CONGRESS LAW [ INAUDIBLE] HAS BEEN  
25 PASSED BASICALLY JUST SAYS IF YOU DO NOT GET YOUR CHILDREN



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1 BACK IN A YEAR TO 18 MONTHS, THE PARENT LOSES THAT CHILD, GOOD  
2 FOR ADOPTION. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NOW GIVES THE STATE  
3 BONUSES OF 4,000, AN ADDITIONAL 2,000 FOR EACH CHILDREN WITH  
4 SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS FOR EACH CHILD THEY PLACE IN ADOPTED  
5 HOMES. DOES THIS GIVE THE D.C.F.S. AND THE SOCIAL WORKERS AN  
6 INCENTIVE TO UNITE FAMILIES OR TO LEGALLY STEAL FAMILIES? MY  
7 DAUGHTER WAS SEXUALLY ABUSE FROM THE AGE OF 10 TO 12. I HAD TO  
8 HIRE A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR. HE INFORMED ME HOW DID THIS  
9 FOSTER FATHER GET TO BE APPROVED TO BE A FOSTER FATHER? HE  
10 DOES NOT EXIST. I ASKED THE PRIVATE EYE, WHAT DO YOU MEAN THE  
11 FOSTER FATHER DID NOT EXIST? IT TURNS OUT THEY APPROVED AN  
12 ILLEGAL ALIEN TO BE A FOSTER FATHER THAT ABUSED MY DAUGHTER  
13 FROM THE AGE OF 10 TO 12. COMMISSIONER SKIBA OF LANCASTER, IN  
14 LANCASTER COURT OF LAW STATED ON THE COURT DOCUMENTS NOT TO  
15 REPORT THE FOSTER MOTHER BEVERLY BANKS FOR ABUSE AND THAT OUR  
16 CHILDREN WERE NOT BEING ABUSED WHICH IS A CROCK OF LIES. MY  
17 DAUGHTER, RAVEN, HER STEPFATHER, JAMES MULCAHEY, WAS FORCED  
18 INTO PAYING OVER \$30,000 FOR THE ABUSE AND THE CONTINUED  
19 SEXUAL ABUSE OF HIS STEPDAUGHTER. THE ABUSE OF OUR AUTISTIC  
20 SON, LUKE MULCAHEY, I HAD A SOCIAL WORKER AND FOSTER AGENCY  
21 INFORM ME TO MY FACE THAT THEY PLACED KAYLA WITH THE REGIONAL  
22 CENTER BECAUSE THEY WANTED A HIGHER FEDERAL RATE. WHEN I TRIED  
23 TO DOCUMENT THE BRUISES IN MY AUTISTIC SON'S EAR, SHE GRABBED  
24 MY ARM, AN EXPERIENCED FOSTER AGENCY, HER NAME IS KAREN  
25 RUCAFELLASHE, SHE GRABBED MY ARM, SHE THREATENED TO TAKE MY



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1 VIDEO CAMERA, THROW IT DOWN THE STAIRS. SHE LEFT A BRUISE  
2 WHICH WAS 2 INCHES LONG ON MY ARM. WHEN I INFORMED HER I WOULD  
3 FILE A POLICE REPORT, HER STATEMENT BACK TO ME WAS GO AHEAD  
4 AND DO IT. THEY'RE ALWAYS TAKING SOCIAL WORKERS' WORDS OVER  
5 PARENTS' ANY DAY. YOU HAVE KIDS. BE...

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A  
8 CLOSED SESSION.

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
11 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
12 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER C.S.-1 AND  
13 C.S.-2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING  
14 LITIGATION AND ITEM NUMBER C.S.-4, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL  
15 COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE  
16 CASE, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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**REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

**TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2001**

There is no reportable action on items CS-1 or CS-2 as a result of the Board of Supervisors' closed session held today. In open session, the Board continued item CS-3 one week to Tuesday, August 7, 2007.



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